

# IRI Innovation Excellence Awards FAQ

## What are the IRI Innovation Excellence Awards?

- The [Innovation Research Interchange](#) (IRI) developed the Innovation Excellence Awards to honor individuals and teams who are pushing the boundaries to set new organizational standards in innovation and shaping the industries of tomorrow.

## Who can submit a nomination?

- The Innovation Excellence Awards are for innovative companies and individual leaders from any industry and at any location in the world. Anyone can nominate an Excellence in Innovation Award candidate by describing their high-impact innovation-related projects and achievements using the [online nomination form](#). The project and individual achievements described in the form will be evaluated and scored by our distinguished panel of judges. Technology and consulting partners may submit entries to recognize their clients or customers so long as the client has approved the nomination.

## What are the award categories?

- There are six (6) award categories: four (4) for projects and two (2) for individuals. When reviewing nominations, the IRI review team may reassign entries to a different category if it is determined that such a change would allow the entry to be judged more competitively against similar entries.

## What are the award program rules?

- Please [click here](#) to see all the rules for the IRI Innovation Excellence Awards.

## What is the deadline for submitting a nomination?

- The deadline for the 2024 Innovation Excellence Awards is midnight EDT on February 15, 2024.

## How are the applications judged?

- Excellence in Innovation Award finalists are selected based on evaluations by a panel of expert judges comprised of experienced innovation professionals from companies across many different industries. The entries that receive the highest scores are designated as award finalists. The top scoring project in each category will be designated as the Category Winner.

### **How is the information provided on the nomination form used?**

- All information included in the nomination form is considered confidential and will only be viewed by IRI staff along with the Excellence in Innovation Awards expert judges. The Innovation Research Interchange may draw on the information in preparing profiles of the awards finalists and winners, but the inclusion of nomination form information in these profiles will be subject to approval from the submitting company.

### **Can I submit multiple nominations?**

- Yes! Any single enterprise may submit up to **five** (5) project entries. However, a company may be named a finalist for only **three** (3) project awards in any single season. There is no limit on nominations for individuals. Technology and consulting partners may submit an unlimited number of their client projects; however, they may submit no more than one (1) project and/or one (1) individual from any single enterprise. In the event that the number of entries received for any enterprise exceeds the designated limit, all entrants will be contacted as a group to make a final determination on which entries to submit to the judging panel.

### **How will I be recognized for my efforts and when are finalists and winners announced?**

- Excellence in Innovation Awards finalists will be notified in March 2024, immediately followed by a public announcement. Finalists are announced through press releases, e-newsletters, and social media posts from the IRI. Finalists will also receive recognition during the 2024 Innovators Summit in Spring 2024. Finalists will be contacted with additional information about summit participation.