The Scottish Knowledge Exchange Awards celebrates the partnerships between business, third sector, and public sector organisations and academia. Now in its 11th year, this flagship event recognises and rewards exceptional collaborations that deliver economic, environmental and social benefits for Scotland.

**Knowledge Exchange Champion 2026**

This award celebrates an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to advancing knowledge exchange activities and raising awareness of their impact.

**Criteria:**

* Applications are open to individuals working in:
  + Academia (university, college or research institute)
  + Businesses, public sector and third sector organisations
  + Business Support Organisations
* Applications should highlight how the nominated individual has acted as a catalyst for meaningful economic, societal, or environmental outcomes through knowledge exchange. Examples of impact may include the development of new knowledge exchange models or practices, as well as efforts to promote, support, and inspire entrepreneurial activity
* We strongly recommend that the application form is filled out by a nominator rather than the nominated individual
* The judging panel’s decision is final. The panel reserves the right not to make an award in a specific category if the standard is deemed to be of insufficient quality
* Dependent on the applications received judges may select multiple winners to celebrate individuals who represent different categories (e.g. those applying from different organisation types or those from across the academic career pathway)
* Previous award winners are not eligible to apply to a category that they have won in the past
* If shortlisted, you will be required to complete a 60 second video overview of the project

**Please email your completed application to** [**marketing@interface-online.org.uk**](mailto:marketing@interface-online.org.uk) **by 5pm on Thursday 11th December 2025.**

**Key Dates:**

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| Submission Deadline: | 5pm, Thursday, 11th December 2025 |
| Shortlist Announced: | Wednesday, 11th February 2026 |
| Awards Ceremony: | Thursday, 19th March 2026  MacRobert Arts Centre, University of Stirling |

If you have any questions, please email [**marketing@interface-online.org.uk**](mailto:marketing@interface-online.org.uk)

**Nomination**

Nominators must obtain the prior consent of the person being nominated *(Unless nominating themselves).*

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| **Name of nominator** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |

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| **Name of individual nominated** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Job Title** |  |
| **Email** |  |
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| Nominee category: (Please delete as appropriate)  Academic contribution Business contribution Business support organisation contribution |

**Application Form**

**To ensure that applications can be considered on equal terms, please ensure that you follow the word limits specified below. Exceeding the word count may lead to your application being discounted by the judging panel.**

However, if you would like to add any assets in support of your application (such as images, diagrams or video links), please include these as an appendix.

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| **How has the individual significantly contributed to the awareness, innovation and scale of knowledge exchange activity in Scotland?** *(We encourage you to support your application with examples of how this has been achieved: is it a scalable model that has created impact - economic, civic, societal, or environmental; in what ways have they inspired others, include professional achievements).* ***(600 words)*** |
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| **Endorser details**  Please fill these details in if there is someone additional to the nominator that wishes to endorse the nominee. |
| Name: |
| Organisation: |
| Job Title: |
| Email: |

**Pre and Post Award Promotion:**

The Interface Marketing and Communications team will endeavour to raise the profile of your organisation, the Scottish Knowledge Exchange Awards and the Interface service through pre and post Award promotion. By submitting this application/nomination form, you are agreeing for the details to be used in any related press and marketing materials. We recommend, therefore, that there should be no IP or confidentiality issues that would restrict publishing details of your application.

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| **To assist with the application promotion which will be used for the shortlist announcements, please provide a brief summary of your nominee and their achievements** (*Maximum 60 words*).  For examples see the 2025 project summaries [here](https://interface-online.org.uk/news/scottish-knowledge-exchange-award-winners-showcase-collaboration-at-its-finest/). |
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**Data Protection:**

By completing this application/nomination form, you accept and consent to the use of your data by Interface and any individuals, i.e. judges, those involved with the delivery, audit, review and evaluation of this application/nomination form. It is the lead applicant’s role to ensure that all parties, whose details are included in this application form, are aware of and agree to this submission.

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**by 5pm on Thursday 11th December 2025**