

- **Links to research** – How clear is the link back to research? In what ways is the underlying research, and/or skills/expertise gained through research, integral to the innovative activity/product?

Eligibility

1. The Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards competition is open to current employees of the University of Oxford, or one of its colleges, who will be in post on 31 July 2020.
2. With the exception of the 'Early Career' award category, the awards are open to Oxford staff at any career stage. The Early Career category is a 'floating' category: applicants need not apply for this award separately as submissions to the other categories, which fit the criteria, will be automatically considered by the panel.
3. Other individuals and organisations (internal and external) that were integral to the project/product must also agree to submission of the Entry and be acknowledged in the relevant IRAMS section.
4. Co-entrants can include staff (researchers, academics, teaching staff, and professional service staff such as research facilitators and curators), graduate students at the University of Oxford, or external individuals and partners from outside the University. Please note that the number of named individuals on the Award communication and invitations to the Awards Ceremony per winning entry will need to be limited.
5. At least one academic or researcher from the University of Oxford must be named as the Lead Entrant or included within the Project Team.
6. The Lead Entrant must inform, and if appropriate seek approval, from relevant senior staff within their department (such as the Head of Department) regarding submission of the Entry.
7. Projects/products that have previously received University of Oxford Innovation Awards or were 'Highly Commended' are not eligible for entry to this year's Awards unless significant additional progress has been made.
8. Projects/products submitted previously that were not selected for a Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Award are welcome to apply this year and encouraged to demonstrate that additional progress has been made and to provide even stronger evidence against the selection criteria.
9. Entrants must agree that information about the winning entries can be made public via internal and external communication channels. All content will be sent for approval to the Lead Entrant, prior to publication.
10. Only entries submitted through IRAMS will be considered.
11. Incomplete entries will not be taken forward.



Key Dates

6 January 2020 - IRAMS application portal opens

10 March 2020 at 1700 hrs - Closing date for all entries

April 2020 - Entries sent for review

Early May 2020 - Judging Panel make their decisions

Late May 2020 - Shortlisted applicants informed and category winner videos filmed

Thursday 9 July 2020 - Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards Ceremony; winning and highly commended entrants will receive certificates, and the overall winner will receive £2000

How to Enter

Entrants may self-nominate or be nominated by someone else. The application process is the same in either case.

1. Ensure that you have read through the application guidance above.
2. Download and complete the [Case for Support form](#)
3. Apply via IRAMS: <https://irams.ox.ac.uk> (application portal opens 6 January 2020). The IRAMS online Entry Form has fixed sections that are typically used for grant applications.

The Project | Investigators | Form Editors | Case for Support

* Project Title:

* Lead Department:

Sub-unit: (If applicable)

* Start Date:

* End Date:

* Eligibility I have read the notes of guidance for this funding scheme, discussed my application with my department or faculty and confirm I meet the [eligibility criteria](#).

* Does the project require ethical review? Yes No ([Further information](#))

For your Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards Entry, please note:

- i. Project title refers to the name of your Vice-Chancellor's Innovation Awards Entry.
- ii. Lead Department refers to the department, faculty, or division that the Lead Applicant is primarily affiliated with. If they are a college-only employee,



