

RICS Matrics Surveyor Awards 2026

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Awards Submission

Your submission should clearly describe the individual's suitability for an Award and demonstrate a connection to the judging criteria, highlighting a commitment to professionalism and ethics. This is where you want to make it clear to the judges exactly why your submission is deserving of the award.

Please note that this will not be a PDF upload, you will need to complete free text sections within the online form, including an introduction and responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria. Word limits have been applied to each free text box in accordance with the criteria weighting.

Pathway Awards

The following awards are open to candidates enrolled on an RICS route to membership and those who have been RICS qualified (AssocRICS, MRICS, FRICS) for up to 10 years in the UK.

Category	Description	Criteria
Building Surveyor/Control Surveyor of the Year	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within building surveying/control, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.</p> <p>The award celebrates individuals who apply sound professional judgment, contribute positively to project/instructions and organisational outcomes, engage with the wider profession, and show clear commitment to continuous improvement within this pathway.</p>	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p> <p>Industry Engagement (20%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Commercial Property Surveyor of the Year	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within commercial property, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.</p> <p>The award celebrates individuals who apply sound professional judgment, contribute positively to project and organisational outcomes, engage with the wider profession, and show clear commitment to continuous improvement within this pathway.</p>	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p> <p>Industry Engagement (20%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Construction Surveyor of the Year	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within construction surveying, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.</p>	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p>

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Land and Natural Resources Surveyor of the Year	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within land or natural resources, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.</p> <p>The award celebrates individuals who apply sound professional judgment, contribute positively to project and organisational outcomes, engage with the wider profession, and show clear commitment to continuous improvement within this pathway.</p>	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p> <p>Industry Engagement (20%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Residential Surveyor of the Year	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within residential surveying, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.</p> <p>The award celebrates individuals who apply sound professional judgment, contribute positively to project and organisational outcomes, engage with the wider profession, and show clear commitment to continuous improvement within this pathway.</p>	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p> <p>Industry Engagement (20%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Valuation Surveyor of the Year	This award recognises an outstanding individual who demonstrates strong technical competence within valuation, delivers a high standard of professional and client-focused service, and works effectively as part of a team.	<p>Technical Excellence (25%)</p> <p>Client Satisfaction (25%)</p> <p>Teamwork (20%)</p>

	The award celebrates individuals who apply sound professional judgment, contribute positively to project and organisational outcomes, engage with the wider profession, and show clear commitment to continuous improvement within this pathway.	Industry Engagement (20%) Winning Statement (10%)
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Assessment Criteria

- Please answer the questions below, focusing on outcomes and impact rather than general descriptions.
- Please note testimonials should be included throughout the application to evidence your responses and must be a maximum of 100 words per question. These can be uploaded to the submission form via the supporting attachments tab on Awards Force.
- The pathway awards all have different categories but have the same questions/prompts.

Criteria	Description	Score Weighting
Technical Excellence (Maximum 300 words)	Provide examples where conventional surveying methods were innovatively challenged, leading to notable advancements or improvements in practices. Provide clear illustrations of how these innovations have improved speed, accuracy, or problem-solving capabilities within the surveying industry.	25%
Stakeholder Satisfaction (Maximum 250 words)	Demonstrate how the nominee has exceeded stakeholder expectations through exceptional style, engagement, and service delivery. Provide examples of initiatives that garnered loyalty and resulted in repeat business. Include testimonials from clients or colleagues directly involved in projects to highlight the impact of the nominee's dedication to client service and satisfaction.	25%
Teamwork & Collaboration	Provide specific examples that highlight the nominees collaborative approach and unwavering support for team members, creating a positive working environment, and elevating the performance and morale of the entire team.	20%

(Maximum 250 words)		
Industry Engagement (Maximum 250 words)	Demonstrate the nominees outstanding contribution to the profession through inspiring others, both within and outside the workplace. Highlight the efforts made to raise the profile of surveying while upholding RICS standards. Emphasise tangible impacts such as significant projects, publications, or presentations that showcase your positive influence on the industry.	20%
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Demonstrate why you feel the applicant should win this award. Please avoid repeating previous wording. This may be used in marketing collateral.	10%

Non-Pathway Awards

Category	Description	Criteria
Apprentice of the Year – Apprentices only	<p>This award recognises an outstanding individual who has shown exceptional dedication and progress during their apprenticeship.</p> <p>The recipient demonstrates professionalism, integrity, and a commitment to continuous learning while making a positive contribution to their workplace and the wider industry.</p> <p>This award is open to individuals currently enrolled through an apprenticeship as an RICS candidate on the APC, or who have completed a chartered surveying apprenticeship within the last 12 months.</p>	<p>Contribution to Workplace (30%)</p> <p>Progress and Growth (30%)</p> <p>Impact and Potential (30%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Mentor of the Year	<p>This award honours an individual who goes above and beyond to guide, support, and inspire early-career surveyors. The recipient demonstrates exceptional mentorship, encouragement, and leadership, helping to develop the next generation of professionals while promoting professionalism, integrity, and a passion for the industry.</p> <p>This award is open to all RICS-qualified members (AssocRICS, MRICS, or FRICS) who provide mentoring on a voluntary basis. Nominations must be submitted by a third party.</p>	<p>Action (30%)</p> <p>Impact (30%)</p> <p>Role Model (30%)</p> <p>Winning Statement (10%)</p>
Ambassador of the Year	<p>This award recognises a surveyor who drives positive change within the profession.</p>	<p>Action (30%)</p> <p>Role Model (30%)</p>

	Whether through diversity and inclusion initiatives, charitable work, or community engagement, the recipient demonstrates leadership, professionalism, and a commitment to making a positive impact on society and the wider surveying community.	Impact (30%) Winning Statement (10%)
Impact Award	This award honours an individual who applies sustainability, AI, or data-driven approaches to address complex challenges. The recipient demonstrates technical excellence, innovation, and measurable impact, advancing the profession and delivering tangible benefits to clients, communities, or society.	Impact 30% Approach 30% Innovation 30% Winning Statement (10%)
Graduate of the Year	This award recognises an outstanding graduate who has demonstrated exceptional commitment, skill, and development early in their career. The recipient exemplifies professionalism, integrity, and a dedication to continuous learning while making a positive contribution to their workplace and the wider industry. This award is open to individuals who have graduated from an RICS-accredited degree and are currently enrolled as an RICS candidate working towards their APC. This also includes those who have qualified as MRICS in the past 12 months on the APC 24 route.	Contribution to Workplace (30%) Progress and Growth (30%) Impact and Potential (30%) Winning Statement (10%)
Student of the Year	This award is open to students currently enrolled in an RICS-accredited degree, or apprenticeship programme.* *Apprentices enrolled as candidates with RICS should enter the Apprentice of the Year Award.	Contribution to Student Community and/or Industry 30% Progress and Growth (30%) Impact and Potential (30%) Winning Statement (10%)

	This award is open to students currently enrolled in an RICS-accredited degree, or apprenticeship programme.	
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Apprentice of the Year

Contribution to Workplace (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee contributed to their workplace or apprenticeship through completing tasks, supporting colleagues, or introducing innovative ideas?
Progress and Growth (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm, and a passion for learning in their apprenticeship?
Impact and Potential (Maximum 250 words)	In what ways have the nominee's actions or achievements made a tangible impact or shown potential for future success?
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest achievements, leadership, or exemplary service - what makes them stand out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted)

Mentor of the Year

Action (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee positively supported or guided early-career surveyors, helping them develop skills, confidence, or professional understanding?
Impact (Maximum 250 words)	In what ways has the nominee’s mentoring had a tangible impact on the growth, achievements, or career progression of those they support?
Role Model (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee demonstrated exceptional mentorship, encouragement, or leadership?
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest contributions, mentorship excellence, or exemplary service - what makes them stand out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted)

Ambassador of the Year

Action (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee contributed to a cause, issue, or community, and what practical actions have they taken?
Role Model (Maximum 250 words)	How does the nominee demonstrate leadership, professionalism, or service beyond their core role as a surveyor?
Impact	What impact have the nominee’s actions had on others or their community?

(Maximum 250 words)	
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise in 250 words or less why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest achievements, leadership, or exemplary service - what makes stands out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted).

Impact Champion of the Year

Approach (Maximum 250 words)	What sustainability, AI, or data-driven approach did the nominee apply to address a complex challenge, and what was the challenge being solved?
Impact (Maximum 250 words)	What measurable impact has this work delivered for clients, the profession, communities, or society?
Innovation (Maximum 250 words)	What was the nominee's specific role and contribution, and how did they demonstrate technical excellence, innovation, or originality in their approach?
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest contributions, mentorship excellence, or exemplary service - what makes them stand out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted)

Graduate of the Year

Contribution to Workplace (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee positively contributed to their workplace or graduate programme through completing tasks, supporting colleagues, or introducing innovative ideas?
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Impact and Potential (Maximum 250 words)	In what ways have the nominee's actions or achievements made a tangible impact or shown potential for future success?
Progress and Growth (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm, and a passion for developing their professional skills early in their career?
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest contributions, mentorship excellence, or exemplary service - what makes them stand out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted)

Student of the Year

Contribution to Workplace (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee positively contributed to their studies, university community, or wider industry through academic excellence, teamwork, or innovative initiatives?
Impact and Potential (Maximum 250 words)	In what ways have the nominee's actions or achievements made a tangible impact or shown potential for future success?
Progress and Growth (Maximum 250 words)	How has the nominee demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm, and a passion for learning in their course or extra-curricular activities?
Winning Statement (Maximum 250 words)	Please summarise why the nominee should be the winner of this category, highlighting their greatest contributions, mentorship excellence, or exemplary service - what makes them stand out from other applicants. (Note: This statement may be used in marketing collateral if shortlisted)