

RTS Young Technologist Award 2017

The RTS Young Technologist Award is open to an early career engineer in the broadcast or related industries. It was established by the Royal Television Society with funds received from the family of A.M. Beresford-Cooke, who was a distinguished engineer who contributed much to the development of British broadcasting technology through his work on towers and masts for VHF and UHF transmission.

The purpose of the Award is to advance education in the science, practice, technology and art of television and its allied fields by enabling the award winner to attend the International Broadcasting Conference and Exhibition held annually in Amsterdam. The runner up receives the Coffey Award, a book of their choice.

The IBC Conference and Exhibition

The IBC 2017 Conference will take place from Thursday 14th to Monday 18th September 2017 at the RAI Centre, Amsterdam, and it will focus on the latest technical information and market/economic analyses for delegates, whilst providing the learning opportunities that have made the conference the world leader for content creation, management and delivery. The IBC Exhibition runs alongside the Conference, from 15th – 19th September, and is the second largest content creation and delivery exhibition in the world, spread over 15 halls of the RAI.

Requirement overview

The Award-winner will be required to write a report or presentation within 3 months of attending IBC, setting out how the visit has helped to achieve its purpose of advancing education in the science, practice, technology or art of television or its allied fields.

The judges will be looking for an application that demonstrates:

- ◆ how the receipt of the Award will enhance the applicant's understanding of the ever changing role of technology in television and related fields
- ◆ how the applicant proposes to share this enhanced understanding with others, both within the RTS and beyond

The prize

The prize is a full conference place at IBC, together with costs of travel to IBC and accommodation for the duration of the conference.

Application process

Applicants for the RTS Young Technologist Award can be from the very many areas of the TV and related industries: broadcasters, production companies, facilities houses, hardware and software suppliers to the industry, telecommunications suppliers of television capacity services, recognised research institutions which are contributing in a demonstrable way to television in the UK.

Application will be by the downloadable Word document, which must be submitted electronically - no paper-based applications will be accepted; judging criteria are also downloadable. Send completed form to Jo Sampson - JSampson@rts.org.uk - by 5pm on Monday 22nd May 2017. The Judges decision is final.