

PRESS RELEASE

ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY OPENS ENTRIES FOR RTS YOUNG TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD 2022

London, 6th April 2022 – The **Royal Television Society (RTS)**, Britain’s leading forum for television and related media, has launched the Young Technologist of the Year Award 2022. The coveted award, now open to entries, celebrates an outstanding engineer or technologist in the early stages of their career, highlighting the talent of those with a future in broadcast or its related industries. The RTS is now accepting submissions for the prestigious award, with entries open until 5pm on Monday 23rd May 2022.

The award is open to those working within the technical side of broadcasting or its related industries, including: broadcasters, production companies and facilities houses, hardware and software suppliers to the industry, telecommunications suppliers of television capacity services, and recognised research institutions which are contributing in a demonstrable way to television in the UK.

Chair of the RTS Young Technologist of the Year Award Jury, Terry Marsh, said: “The past two years have shown technological innovation to be the beating heart of the television industry as we have adapted in the face of challenges and the constantly evolving landscape. It is hugely important for us to be celebrating these young technologists and to keep providing them with opportunities to continue pushing our industry forward. We look forward to receiving entries for 2022!”

To apply for the RTS Young Technologist of the Year Award 2022, applicants must submit their application by 5pm on **Monday 23rd May**. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be found here: <https://rts.org.uk/award/youngtechnologist2022>

The winner of last year’s award was Simon Hui, Graduate Technical Engineer at Timeline TV. The panel of industry expert judges were impressed by Simon’s exceptional knowledge and passion for the future, and his understanding that ground-breaking technology isn’t necessarily appropriate for every scenario. The 2021 runner up and

recipient of the Coffey Award of Excellence in Technology was Gabriella Watkins, a Broadcast Technician at television facility Dock10.

The Young Technologist Award was established by the RTS with funds received from the family of A.M. Beresford-Cooke – a distinguished engineer who significantly contributed to the development of British broadcasting technology through his work on towers and masts for VHF and UHF transmission. The aim of the award is to advance education in the science, practice, technology and art of television and its allied fields.

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About The Royal Television Society:

From glamorous award ceremonies to lively debates, the RTS embraces all aspects of television, and is open to anyone with an interest in the medium.

As an educational charity, we encourage and celebrate work in television and its related fields, from finding out how the nation's favourite shows are made in our Anatomy of a Hit series, to celebrating burgeoning talent at our annual Student Awards.

The industry's most talented individuals give us an insight into the work that goes into making cutting edge contemporary TV. From Government ministers and CEOs to workshops with great runners, our events look at every part of the business.

Our annual Television Journalism, Programme, Craft and Design, and Student Awards celebrate achievements across the broadcasting industry.

Each year, we offer Television Production and Technology bursaries to help those from less affluent backgrounds get a foothold in the industry, and Masterclass sessions bring together students, academics and industry heads.

Global television leaders gather to discuss what the future holds for television at our London Conference or the RTS Cambridge Convention.

Alongside our engaged community of around 3,500 full members, the Society is supported by Britain and the world's biggest broadcasters, producers and consultants, including Principal Patrons BBC, Channel 4, ITV and Sky.

Originally founded as the Television Society in 1927, the Society was granted its Royal title in 1966 and HRH The Prince of Wales became Patron of the RTS in 1997.



Today, 15 regional and national groups curate lively events and awards around the UK and Ireland, from Glasgow to Galway.

RTS Futures, which is aimed at those in their first two years of employment, organises an exciting roster of discussion, training, and social occasions. Recent events have included workshops on learning how to format shows and how to survive as a freelancer, and expert panels explaining how to be the best researcher and how to make it on-screen.