

Dear colleague,

I am pleased to send you the criteria for the RTS Television Journalism Awards 2022. Please note there are a few minor amendments to the criteria in some of the categories, so it's important to read them through carefully.

Also, as you may be aware, we agreed earlier this year to review the process for making the TVJ Judges' Award (*renamed Special Award*) and Outstanding Contribution Award. We accepted that the system was not sufficiently robust or transparent and needed to be reviewed.

As a result, we have agreed a new process and new criteria which are below.

The most important change is that nominations for these awards should be made via the awards entry portal. There will be a series of questions to answer about your nomination, examples of these are below. Unlike the other categories, there is no charge for suggestions put forward for the Special and Outstanding Contribution Awards.

We would encourage you to supply as much supporting documentation, including testimonials, as possible, these can be in the form of written statements, links to videos or video uploads. Where there is more than one nomination for the same person or team, they will be amalgamated – although decisions will be made on the merit of the nominee/group and not on weight of numbers.

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The following special awards will be awarded or deferred at the discretion of the RTS taking into account the advice of the committee of neutral chairs. Nominations for these awards must be made via the awards portal.

Special Award

The Special Award is for an individual (on or off screen) or a team to recognise an outstanding contribution to the advancement of video Journalism during the awards year.

The principle of this award is that it is for achievements which are not represented in or go beyond any of the conventional categories. Nominations must be made via the awards portal. A nomination must be supported by the reasons why it should win, as well as supporting documentation and testimonials. The RTS Committee of Neutral Chairs will consider all nominations and make a recommendation to the RTS. The RTS reserves the right not to make the award if it considers there are no suitable nominations. This Award cannot be made posthumously.

Outstanding Contribution Award

The Outstanding Contribution Award recognizes an individual's work over a sustained period. The spirit of this award is that recipients should have several significant achievements during their careers. Nominations must be made via the awards portal. A nomination must be supported by the reasons why he or she should win, as well as supporting documentation and testimonials. The RTS will take into account evidence of the individual's contribution to the wider industry, for example by promoting diversity. The RTS Committee of Neutral Chairs will consider all nominations and make a recommendation to the RTS. The RTS reserves the right not to make the award if it considers there are no suitable nominations. This Award cannot be made posthumously.

QUESTIONS TO BE COMPLETED

Outstanding Contribution Award

- Name of person being nominated:
- Job title (or most recent if retired):
- Previous experience – track record
- Principle reasons for nomination
- Other supporting aspects (eg, support for people entering the industry, charity work, contribution to diversity and inclusion)
- Please provide any other information you wish to bring to the attention of the Society. You can upload written or video testimonials or provide links to supporting information.
- Please state your name and relationship to nominee: (eg friend, colleague, employer etc)

Special Award

- Name of person/team being nominated:
- Description of what they have done in the past 12 months and the impact it had.
- Explain why this made such an important contribution to television journalism.
- Please provide any other information you wish to bring to the attention of the Society. You can upload written or video testimonials or provide links to supporting information.
- Your name and relationship to nominee/s: (eg friend, colleague, employer etc)