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The Royal Society's medals and awards programme recognises and celebrates outstanding contributions to science from across the UK, Republic of Ireland, Commonwealth and wider international scientific community.

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Each summer, the Royal Society announces the winners of around 30 medals and awards, celebrating excellence in the biological, physical and applied sciences.

These accolades include the Copley Medal, which is thought to be the world's oldest scientific prize.

Royal Society medals and awards recognise exceptional academic achievements within specific scientific disciplines, as well as different types of contributions to science.

Several medals are accompanied by prize lectures.

Winners are selected through a nominations process.

Who can be nominated?

- You do not need to be a Fellow of the Royal Society to be nominated.
- Most medals and awards are open to nominations of scientists at any career stage.
- Most medals and awards are open to individual or team nominations.
- Most medals and awards are open to nominations of UK, Commonwealth and Republic of Ireland citizens or residents.
- Three premier awards are open to the entire international scientific community: the Copley Medal, the Bakerian Medal and the Croonian Medal.

The next call for nominations opens on 1 December 2025 and closes on 20 February 2026.

To find out more, visit:

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