

Competition Details: Manufacturing Student/YP Prize 2026

<p>The Competition.</p>	<p>Enter for a chance to win a presenting opportunity and cash prize of £150. The runner up will receive £100 from the IET Manufacturing Technical Network.</p> <p>Those looking to take part should provide an abstract relating to the following topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global warming is approaching critical thresholds with 2025 being the hottest year on record in the UK. • To keep global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees, the world needs to achieve net zero by 2050. <p>You should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What critical action must your sector of manufacturing take to contribute to achieving net zero? • What are the barriers preventing the manufacturing sector from achieving a radical leap in energy productivity and how can these be overcome? <p>Please submit a written abstract of no more than 500 words outlining the scope and aim of your presentation, a 3 slide PowerPoint overview of your presentation covering aims, objectives and overview. The abstract should highlight an area of work or research that is mainly your own or you are a key part of a team.</p> <p>Submissions from a range of viewpoints will be accepted, from technical challenges (e.g. energy recapture) to business adoption barriers (e.g. legacy system incompatibilities)</p> <p>Abstracts will be reviewed, and the winning entry and runner up entry taking part in a webinar based on your abstract.</p> <p>The single best abstract will also win a prize of £150 for the overall winner and £100 for the runner up. The winner and runner up will be based on a points scoring system covering relevance, technical content and novelty/innovation.</p> <p>Our Competition and Awards Standard Terms found at https://www.theiet.org/media/y03n4m2h/iet-competitions-and-awards-standard-terms.pdf apply to this competition.</p> <p>We refer to these in this competition entry form as the Standard Competition Terms. Please ensure that you read and understand the Standard Competition Terms before submitting a competition entry. If you have any questions, please contact us using the information provided below.</p>
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<p>Who are we?</p>	<p>THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, a charity registered in England and Wales and in Scotland with charity numbers 211014 and SC038698 respectively, whose registered address is at Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL, UK</p>
<p>How can you contact us?</p>	<p>Telephone Number: +44 (0) 207 344 5416 Email address: lcallaghan@theiet.org</p>
<p>Who can enter?</p>	<p>This competition is open to entrants who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduates; • Postgraduates; • Those who have recently embarked on an engineering career within the last 3 years (subject to proof via CV) <p>We will not accept entries where any entrant is:</p> <p>(A) our employee or an employee of any company (including any holding or subsidiary company) or charitable institution within the IET's group;</p> <p>(B) an employee of any agent or supplier who is professionally connected with the competition (including its administration) or any sponsor of the competition;</p> <p>(C) a member of the immediate family (meaning a child, parent or guardian) or living in the same household as any individuals who fall under the categories set out (A) or (B) above; or</p> <p>(D) an individual listed on any financial sanction list or living in a country which is subject to financial sanctions imposed by the United Nations, the United Kingdom, the United States, the European Union or any other jurisdiction.</p> <p>(E) an individual who is under 18.</p> <p>(F) an individual who is based outside of the UK.</p>
<p>How to enter.</p>	<p>Please submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a written abstract of no more than 500 words outlining the scope and aim of your presentation; and 2. a 3 slide PowerPoint overview of your presentation covering aims, objectives and overview. <p>Your abstract should be no more than 500 words. The abstract should highlight an area of work or research that is mainly your own or you are a key part of a team.</p> <p>Please include a title, all authors and other contributors and a synopsis.</p> <p>Abstracts and papers should be on a subject related to the topic. To make it even easier, it is perfectly acceptable to use your final year project presentation, a presentation from your</p>

	<p>graduate scheme or any other presentation which you already have.</p> <p>The topic should be appropriate to the intended audience of students and young professionals.</p> <p>The topic does not have to be new or unique, but something that you have been working on.</p> <p>Event information: IET Manufacturing</p> <p>Email your abstract and slides to Lysay Callaghan lcallaghan@theiet.org by 17.00 (UTC+1) Tuesday 30th June 2026. Abstracts received after this date cannot be accepted.</p> <p>This entry is for individuals and not teams. Please only submit that which is your own work.</p> <p>Declaration: I confirm I have read and accept all terms and conditions that apply to this competition (including the Competition and Awards Standard Terms found at https://www.theiet.org/media/y03n4m2h/iet-competitions-and-awards-standard-terms.pdf)</p>
<p>Competition opening and closing date.</p>	<p>Opening Date: 23rd March 2026 at 09.00 (GMT)</p> <p>Closing Date: 20th June 2026 at 17.00 (BST)</p> <p>Stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd March 2026 - Call for abstracts. • 20th June at 17.00 BST – Close abstract acceptance. • 19th September - Announce winner and the runner up • October - Presentation (online) date TBC with winner, runner up and (TBC) a keynote speaker
<p>Judging process and criteria</p>	<p>The abstracts will be scored out of 15 in total covering Relevance, Technical Content and Novelty/Innovation with 5 marks available for each section.</p> <p>Abstracts that do not fit the criteria of the Call for Abstracts will not be approved.</p>
<p>The judging panel</p>	<p>Judging panel will be made up of volunteer representatives of the IET Manufacturing Technical Network, who are all IET members, including representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants in the Manufacturing field; • University of Sheffield; • Renishaw; and • University of Portsmouth.
<p>The prize(s).</p>	<p>The chosen abstract will win £150, and the runner up will win £100. The winner and the runner up will have 3 months to</p>

	<p>claim the prize from when they are notified of winning the competition.</p> <p>They will also be invited to participate in a live webinar session lasting a maximum of 90 minutes hour where they will present and join a question-and-answer session. Date and time to be confirmed with winner and runner up.</p> <p>The webinar event page will include details of speaker names, organisation they work for, job title, talk title and synopsis.</p> <p>The winning entry and runner up will be selected from which best matches the judging criteria.</p> <p>The winner and runner up will be selected using the scoring system that will be used by all judges and the highest scorer wins.</p>
<p>Winners' announcement.</p>	<p>The winner and runner up will be contacted by Lynsay Callaghan by email lcallaghan@theiet.org with an attached IET prize form to be completed.</p> <p>The winner and runner up will be contacted on the 19th September 2025 by 5pm at the latest.</p>
<p>Details of any presentation event.</p>	<p>Online activity with date to be agreed between the IET and the winner. This would be a webinar held on Zoom and last for a maximum of 90 minutes.</p> <p>No expenses will be covered for this competition.</p>
<p>Ownership of Competition entries.</p>	<p>The IET will not own the rights (including copyright) in competition entries submitted. However, the IET shall be permitted to use the winner(s) and runner(s) up competition entries in accordance with the licence terms as set out in clause 10.3 of the Standard Competition Terms.</p>
<p>Data Privacy Statement</p>	<p>The IET will use the personal data collected for the purpose of selecting and contacting the winner of this competition.</p> <p>The lawful basis we rely upon is consent. Information will be retained only as long as necessary for this purpose.</p> <p>Please visit the IET Privacy Statement on our website for more information - Privacy (theiet.org).</p>