

Competition Details: Accelerator Early Career Engineer or Technician of the Year Prize

The Competition.	Accelerator Early Career Engineer or Technician of the Year Prize, as part of the annual event: Powering Discovery, The Future of Particle Accelerating, being held on 16 Sept 2026. It is a joint event between Particle Accelerator Technical Network and the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The entrants can be a technician, student or graduate engineer at a lab, industry or university and can be of any age or engineering discipline as long as the contribution is to building a particle accelerator (excluding building instruments for detectors or user stations). Entrants must either work in the UK or be a UK national and must submit a poster that demonstrates their original contribution to the project. Posters will be displayed at the event, and the entrants must stand by the poster during the dedicated session and will be judged by a judging panel on the day. The poster should be A0 Portrait. The prize is £100 plus an IET certificate. Our Competition and Awards Standard Terms found at https://www.theiet.org/media/y03n4m2h/iet-competitions-and-awards-standard-terms-v20_11062025.pdf apply to this competition. 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.
Who are we?	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
How can you contact us?	Via Sam Benson, Community Manager Telephone: 07725 207932 Email: sambenson@theiet.org
Who can enter?	Entrants can be early careers engineer (which includes those who graduated from their undergraduate degree in the past 4 years), technician, student or graduate engineer at a lab, industry or university and can be of any age or engineering discipline as long as the contribution is to building a particle accelerator (excluding building instruments for detectors or

	user stations). Entrants must either work in the UK or be a UK national and must submit a poster that demonstrates their original contribution to the project. We will not accept entries where any entrant is: (A) our employee or an employee of any company (including any holding or subsidiary company) or charitable institution within the IET's group; (B) an employee of any agent or supplier who is professionally connected with the competition (including its administration) or any sponsor of the competition; (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 (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.
How to enter.	Entrants must submit a poster that demonstrates their original contribution to a project. Entrants must work on their poster in a sole capacity and not as part of a team. There is a limit of one poster entry per person. Posters will be displayed at the event, and the entrants must stand by the poster during the dedicated session and will be judged by a judging panel on the day. The poster should be A0 Portrait. Entrants must submit by 5pm on the Monday, 14 September. To enter you will need to register for the event and submit an abstract your entry to sambenson@theiet.org <i>Declaration: By emailing your submission, you (which, where the competition entry is being made by a child under the age of 18, means the parent/guardian of the entrant) confirm that you 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-v20_11062025.pdf)</i>
Competition opening and closing date.	Opening date: Monday, 31 August 2026 Closing date: 5pm (BST) on Monday, 14 September 2026

Judging process and criteria.	Scored against the below criteria: • The Impact of the candidates contribution to the work (/10) • The novelty of the candidates contribution to the work (/10) • Oral presentation and questions (/10) • Poster quality, presentation/clarity (/10)
The judging panel.	The judging panel will consist of the Particle Accelerator Technical Network committee members plus others as requested by the Chair (usually speakers from the day). Any additional judges requested by the Chair will be announced on the day
Details of any third parties involved in the competition.	None.
The prize(s).	The prize is £100 plus an IET certificate. The winner selected will be the entry which best matches the judging criteria The winner will be sent an IET prize form from a staff member in the Communities team to complete and return to the same person to enable the IET to transfer the prize money to them. They will have 3 months from the event date to claim their prize.
Winners' announcement.	The winner will be announced on the day of the event. They will be asked to come to the stage and have a photo taken. The winner will be included on online channels as part of the event write up, such as (but not limited to) EngX and LinkedIn.
Details of any presentation event.	Announcement on the day of the event. No further presentation event will be held.
Ownership of Competition entries.	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 runners' up competition entries in accordance with the licence terms as set out in clause 10.3 of the Standard Competition Terms.

Data Privacy Statement	Personal Information will be processed by the IET only for the purpose of selecting and subsequently informing the competition winner(s), and not for any other purpose. Our lawful basis for processing is our contractual obligation under the competition terms and conditions. Once winner(s) have been selected, and prizes claimed, all personal information will be deleted. For further information on how the IET processes personal information, please refer to our full Privacy Notice.