



# Awards

## Innovation and Research Award 2026

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Examples of innovative problem solving and research in the highways and transportation industry in the West Midlands.

Innovation or research entries must have been active or completed in financial years 2024/25 or 2025/26.

Entries must clearly explain how the submission meets the criteria specified.

Maximum marks attainable for each of the criteria are noted in brackets.

### Judging Criteria for the award:

- Enterprise and ingenuity in innovation or research (20)
- Design of innovation or research solution including efficiency and sustainability (20)
- Performance measures, user feedback & benefit to the user (15)
- Implementation of innovation or research solution including communications (15)
- Value for money including outcomes and benefits versus cost (15)
- Wider implementation potential (15)

### How to enter:

To enter this award please complete an entry form and provide a 1,000 word maximum supporting document on your entered project, and return [here](#).

Please ensure that you have read the submission information before submitting your entry. **The deadline for entries is 23:59 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

Judging will commence in April 2026, and shortlisted entries will be notified. Winners will be announced at the WM CIHT Awards Dinner at the Burlington Hotel, Birmingham on the evening of **Thursday 7 May 2026** and details published through a variety of media platforms.