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FoNS Prizes for Excellence 2026- FAQs

How much information should I provide in the nomination statement?

The nomination statement should be no more than 400 words and no less than 100. Very brief nomination statements that do not outline the nominee's work, the positive impact that they have had, etc., are unlikely to be considered by the panel.

Who should I ask to second my nomination?

Any member of staff can second your nomination, but we recommend that you select someone who knows the nominee and their work well. Students can also be asked to second nominations where appropriate.

Can students nominate or second a prize?

Only staff members may nominate for prizes. Students may act as seconders, where the nature of the nomination is such that this would be appropriate.

Do I have to provide supporting documentation with my nomination?

This is not compulsory, but supporting documentation may strengthen your nomination. Statements of support from students, or members of staff external to the Faculty, or to the university and who can comment on the impact of the nominee's work would be encouraged.

Can I nominate someone for both a FoNS Prize and a President's/Provost's Award?

Yes, you may do so.

Can I use the same nomination statement for both the FoNS Prize and a President's/Provost's Award?

Each individual [President's/ Provost's Award category](#) (there are over 20) has its own specific set of questions. It may be possible to re-use elements of your FoNS Prize nomination, but that will depend on the specific President's Award that you wish to nominate for.

I have a member of staff who has worked within the Faculty for many years, can I nominate them for their long service?

Long service alone would not normally be a sufficient reason for nomination.

Can students be nominated for a prize?

Students may be nominated for some of the prize categories- please check the full details in the 'Faculty of Natural Sciences- Prizes for Excellence 2026' document which can be found on the prizes webpage:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/natural-sciences/education-and-teaching/fons-annual-prizes-for-excellence/>

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Will nominees know who nominated them?

Yes, nominees will be informed of who nominated them, plus the nomination statement and citation will be shared with them.

I'd prefer to make an anonymous submission. Is this possible?

Unfortunately, it is not possible to make nominations anonymously- all nominations must include the name and email address of both a nominator and seconder.

Can I nominate the same person for multiple prizes?

No, you should pick the most appropriate prize category for the individual. If the individual is also part of a team for a different category, this would be permissible.

Can I make multiple nominations?

Yes, multiple nominations can be made by an individual nominator; however, they should be for different nominees.