

Statistical Excellence Awards 2019 – Nominations Open

The Royal Statistical Society ([RSS](#)) is now formally accepting 2019 entries for awards that recognise statistical excellence in two distinct fields: official statistics and journalism.

The Champion Award for Excellence in Official Statistics is for anyone working in UK government statistics and rewards good practice in producing and presenting statistics for the public good. Given in partnership with the UK Statistics Authority, we are pleased to announce that [Civil Service World](#) are the media partner for this year's award.

Particular attention will be paid this year to entries from users that show how statistics have helped to make a decision, inform a debate or bust a myth. Credit will also be given to entries showing an excellent communication of results, innovative statistical development and work that goes beyond normal expectations. To nominate, please fill out an entry form on the [RSS website](#), deadline 31st March 2019. Work must have been carried out or completed between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018.

John Pullinger, National Statistician: *"The need for evidence to inform policy and democratic debate across the UK is urgent and important. This year I am looking for nominations which showcase the work of professional statisticians who are innovatively and efficiently helping users make sense of the world around them and mobilising the power of data for better decisions"*

The Statistical Excellence in Journalism awards, sponsored by the [Economic and Social Research Council](#), are this year again divided into four categories: Data visualisation, Explaining the facts, Investigative journalism and Regional. Now in their 13th year, the awards celebrate journalists' use of statistics to question, analyse and investigate the issues that affect society. Journalists and reporters from the BBC, BuzzFeed, The Economist and the Financial Times have all been recognised in previous years.

To nominate a particular piece of work, whether it is produced by an individual or a team, just fill in a simple entry form which can be found on the [RSS website](#), deadline 16th March 2019. Work must have been carried out or completed between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018. Anyone working in the media - either from the UK or elsewhere - is eligible to enter. Entries can be self-nominated, with a maximum of three entries per journalist, and will be judged against set criteria by an RSS panel

Dr Jen Rogers, Vice-President, Royal Statistical Society: *"In an era of fake news, I don't think that there's ever been a better time to commend those journalists who are championing statistics and promoting the importance of evidence based news. If you have seen, or have done, a particularly impressive piece of work then please do submit it for consideration."*

If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with RSS Press & Public Affairs Manager, Daniel Lapedus at d.lapedus@rss.org.uk.

The deadline for the Champion Award for Excellence in Official Statistics is 31st March 2019.

The deadline for the Statistical Excellence in journalism award is midnight of the 16th March 2019.

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For further details and to download the entry forms please see our [official statistics award](#) page and our [journalism awards webpage](#). For more information and any questions on entering the awards,

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