

OBN Awards 2024 - Categories & Criteria

Notes for entrants:

Please complete each criteria section in the Jotform survey linked on the OBN Awards website

Please ensure you adhere to the wordcount guidelines indicated

If you are entering more than one category, please ensure the content of each entry is different

Please ensure all links are active and working

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Category	Criteria	Word count guideline:	Max Points Available	
Best Startup Biotech Company	This award recognises a UK or European registered startup biotech company that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a		
	Proof of incorporation on or after 1 June 2022	n/a		
	What area of unmet need are you addressing	150	10	
	Please detail your early clinical trial activity or proof of concept	150	10	
	Evidence of an early stage business plan to support continued business growth	150	10	
	A summary of your company 'story', early news flow and company website	150	10	
	Please provide proof of grant funding success, along with Seed/Series A fundraising	100	5	
	An outline of your future fundraising strategy	100	5	
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	150	5	
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5	
	Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5	
		1050	65	
Category	Criteria	Word count guideline:	Max Points Available	
Best Emerging Biotech Company	This award recognises a UK or European registered emerging biotech company that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a		
	Proof of incorporation on or after 1 Jan 2019 but before 1 June 2022	n/a		
	An outline and evidence of a credible product pipeline or proof of concept	150	10	
	Details and results from your clinical trial activity - judges are looking for significant progress here	200	10	
	Provide a summary of your company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	200	10	
	Provide evidence of a robust business plan that supports your long term growth, including proof of developing partnerships and collaborations, clinical strategy and regulatory framework	250	10	
	Proof of your continued fundraising and details of your future fundraising strategy	150	5	
	A summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	150	5	
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5	
		Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5
		1200	60	
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Best Established Biotech Company	This award recognises a UK or European registered established biotech company that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:			
	Proof of incorporation before 1 January 2019	n/a		
	Evidence of a strong product pipeline, that addresses a clear unmet need	300	10	
	Strong progress/success in clinical trials or product development	200	10	
	A summary of your clear and well established company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	200	10	
	Proof of ongoing fundraisings and revenue generation	150	5	
	Evidence of business success and deals/partnerships/collaborations in place	150	5	
	A summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	150	5	
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5	
		Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5
		1250	55	
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Best Early Stage Medtech Company	This award recognises a UK or European registered Start-up or Emerging medtech company that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a		
	Proof of incorporation after June 2019	n/a		
	Provide a summary of the novel technology or approach, including why it is different, what area of unmet need it addresses, and how/why it will be impactful to patients	300	10	
	Provide a summary of your company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	200	10	
	Evidence of an early stage business plan in place	150	5	
	An outline of your future fundraising strategy	100	5	
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	150	5	
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5	
		Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5
			1000	45
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Best Established Medtech Company	This award recognises a UK or European registered established medtech company that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a	
	Proof of incorporation before June 2019	n/a	
	Provide a summary of the novel technology or approach, including why it is different, what area of unmet need it addresses, and how/why it is impacting patients	300	10
	Details of your clinical trial activity and success	200	10
	Evidence of your growth strategy including key milestones achieved and how you successfully differentiated form the competition	200	10
	Provide a summary of your company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	150	10
	Proof of your developing partnerships and collaborations	100	5
	Please provide proof of ongoing fundraising and/or revenue generation	100	5
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	200	5
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5
Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5	
		1350	65
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Most Transformative Healthtech Company of the Year	This award recognises a UK or European registered Healthtech company (to include digital health, digital solutions, monitoring apps, AI platforms, TechBio or FemTech) that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a	
	Please provide a summary outline of your technology and area of unmet need	300	10
	What impact has it/ will it have on patient outcomes	150	10
	Please provide a robust business plan to support your early stage or continued growth	100	10
	Provide a summary of your company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	200	10
	Proof of your developing partnerships and collaborations	100	5
	Please provide proof of ongoing fundraising and/or revenue generation	100	5
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	100	5
	Evidence of your growth strategy including key milestones achieved and how you successfully differentiated form the competition	100	5
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5
Please provide any relevant links to case studies, news items, testimonials etc where relevant	n/a	5	
		1250	70
Category	Criteria	Word count guideline:	Max Points Available
Most Impactful CRO of the Year	This award recognises a UK or European registered CRO that is making best progress as judged against the following criteria:	n/a	
	Please provide a summary outline of the services you provide to R&D SME's	300	15
	Why/how are you different to others in the industry, and what strategic impact do you hope to have on R&D innovation	300	15
	Please provide an example case study from a company that you have supported	200	5
	Please provide a summary your team in place and an implemented EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	200	5
	Please provide a summary of how your company incorporates an active Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy across all areas of the business, both internally and your via your expectations of companies that you work with	200	5
		1200	45
Category	Criteria	Word count guideline:	Max Points Available
Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year	This award is open to final year or recently graduated DPhil/PhD student within a Life Sciences discipline	n/a	
	Please provide an outline of your area of research, and what impact you hope to make within the industry/on patients upon completion	500	20
	What additional skills do you believe to be most critical in achieving success in industry post completion, and how do you measure 'success'	400	10
	Please provide a short testimonial from your Doctoral Advisor and/or employer about why you should be awarded the OBN Young Life Sciences Entrepreneur of the Year	n/a	10
		900	40
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Most Impactful Industry Collaboration of the Year	This award is open to all UK or European registered companies engaged in an industry collaboration or partnership that supports the translation or commercialisation of emerging innovation	n/a	
	Please provide a summary of your collaboration or partnership programme?	400	10
	How will this collaboration or partnership support emerging entrepreneurs or innovation	200	10
	Please provide any measurable markers of the success of this collaboration, including numbers of individuals or companies supported/postively impacted, details of impact on patients and any associated news flow	250	10
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	10
		950	40
Category	Criteria	Word count guideline:	Max Points Available
	This award is open to all companies who presented in either BioSeed January 2024 or June 2024	n/a	
	Please provide an outline of your product or technology and the area of unmet need you are addressing	200	15

BioSeed One-to-Watch Award	Please detail your early clinical trial activity or proof of concept	100	10
	Provide a summary of your company 'story', along with evidence of consistent news flow and a well organised website	200	10
	Please provide proof of grant funding success and/or Series A funding you've secured since presenting at BioSeed during 2023	100	10
	An outline of your future fundraising strategy	100	5
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	100	5
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5
		900	60
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Best Industry Support Partner of the Year	This is a broad reaching award that recognises the positive impact a life sciences service provider has had on R&D SME's. Eligible companies include legal firms, insurance, science parks, accelerators, investors, data management specialists, tax specialists, communications agencies or a Government body	n/a	
	Please provide a summary that outlines your area of support, how is this different to others in the industry and what impact you hope to have	500	15
	Please provide a minimum of two customers/partner testimonials with your application	150	10
	Please provide a summary of your management team and board; judges are looking for a broad, diverse and credible team, that must incorporate evidence of an EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) strategy	200	10
	How are you incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) priorities to help support delivery?	100	5
		950	40
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Special Recognition Award 2024	We are pleased to invite entries from individuals who have had a major impact on the life sciences industry during their career, via their scientific achievements, continued entrepreneurship, guidance & leadership of others, or via a unique and impactful investment/partnership or collaboration strategy. This award is judged in-house by the OBN team.	Up to 800	20