

# Entry Terms and Conditions

## KIWINET RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION AWARDS 2025

### GENERAL

The Kiwi Innovation Network Limited's Research Commercialisation Awards 2025 Evening Reception (the "Awards") will be **held in-person at Shed 10, Auckland, on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**. Winners will be announced at this event.

**Two weeks prior to this day (exact date TBC)** finalists will be asked to attend a 10-minute Q&A session with judges via Zoom.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The following eligibility criteria will be applied to the Awards:
  - (a) These awards are open to any New Zealand research organisation, crown research institute or tertiary education institute, business, scientist, researcher or professional who works to commercialise New Zealand's publicly funded research.

### ENTRY CONDITIONS

2. The Awards are open for entry commencing on 26 February 2025 and close at 5.00pm on 17 April 2025. An entry received after this time will not be eligible for consideration.
3. The finalists for each category will be announced publicly on or soon after 7 August 2025 by means of [kiwinet.org.nz](http://kiwinet.org.nz), social media and a press release. The winners of each category of the Awards will be announced at the Awards evening to be held on 22 October 2025.
4. An entry to the Awards may be in respect of one or more of the following categories:
  - (a) Breakthrough Innovator Award
  - (b) Researcher Entrepreneur Award
  - (c) Commercialisation Professional Award
  - (d) Breakthrough Project Award
  - (e) Commercialisation Impact Award



5. KiwiNet reserves the right to change the timeline outlined in clauses 2 and 3 of these terms and conditions and KEY DATES, including the announcement of finalists and the Awards reception date.
6. Where a proposal is created by more than one person, the entry form requires the nomination of one of these people to be the entrant for the purposes of the Awards, and all communication in respect of the Awards will be to this person elected, who KiwiNet will assume is empowered to act and respond on behalf of the group.
7. Finalists and the key contacts for Finalist Award entries must be available for filming with KiwiNet's videographer to create promotional content for the Awards evening and KiwiNet marketing, for one day (maximum) between 4<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
8. KiwiNet reserves the right to cancel the Awards programme or individual award categories within the programme.

## JUDGING

9. The judging panel for the Awards will comprise of five judges and will include renowned members of the research, innovation and business communities.
10. Full confidentiality of all entries received will be maintained.
11. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

## CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

12. All entry information is held on a commercial-in-confidence basis. KiwiNet appreciates the sensitive nature of entries and will not disclose commercially sensitive information in its publicity relating to any project entered.

## PUBLICITY

13. All finalists and winners agree to KiwiNet generating publicity around each entry, including but not limited to media coverage and participating in the making of a short video for promotional purposes.



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

14. Entrants must have the rights to disclose to KiwiNet the intellectual property rights, including the copyright, or have permission to use any materials submitted for the competition.
15. KiwiNet will not be responsible for breach of any third-party intellectual property and proprietary rights by the entrants, including any third party's copyright works.

## RIGHTS AND LICENSES

16. By entering an application, each entrant warrants that they are the original author of the submission and that the submission does not or will not infringe any third party's intellectual property and proprietary rights, including their copyright, patent, trade mark, trade secret, design, or other proprietary rights or rights of publicity or privacy.

## ACCEPTANCE BY ENTRANTS

17. By entering, entrants accept these Terms and Conditions and agree to be bound by them.
18. By entering, entrants warrant they are eligible to participate in the competition and agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless KiwiNet and all associated partners in the competition and their respective directors and employees from and against any and all losses, claims, liability and damages of any kind, brought against any of them, as a result of participation in this promotion or acceptance or usage of the award, including for third party claims for breach its intellectual property rights.
19. By entering, entrants confirm and agree to abide by these terms and conditions and confirm that, should they be chosen as a finalist, they are available and willing to:
  - **supply a pre-recorded 5-minute pitch** by 20 September 2025 for judging
  - participate in a 10 min Q&A session with judges **virtually**, around the week of 6 October 2025 (date TBC)
  - attend the Awards Evening Reception **in person**, on 22 October 2025

## KEY DATES (some dates may be subject to change)

26 February 2025	Entries open
17 April 2025	Entries close
~4 May to 12 June 2025	Filming of finalists' videos
~23 April 2025	Stage One Judging
7 August 2025	Finalists announced



20 September 2025	Finalists' Stage Two 5 min pre-recorded pitch supplied to KiwiNet for judging
~ Week of 6 October (date TBC)	KiwiNet Awards Finalists' Q&A Day (virtual event) - finalists meet virtually with judging panel for 10 mins Q&A.
22 October 2025	<b>KiwiNet Awards Evening Reception</b> (in-person event) - winners are announced and celebrated

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