



UKTMN Awards 2026 - Nomination Form

The UKTMN Awards aim to provide a platform in which to recognise and celebrate the contribution made by trial management professionals in the successful delivery of academic-led, public funded clinical research in the UK. The UKTMN are passionate about ensuring trial management professionals are recognised for the value, expertise and knowledge they bring to the trial community, and the impact this has on trial delivery.

We welcome nominations from anyone involved in clinical trial for a trial management professional, with a range of award categories to choose from.

The UKTMN award categories are:

- **Trial Manager of the Year:** Demonstrates **outstanding overall contribution** to trial management, going above and beyond the requirements of their role. Nominations should provide clear examples of **leadership, innovation, patient and public involvement (PPI), inclusion/EDI, problem-solving and/or mentorship**, and demonstrate the positive impact of these contributions on colleagues, patients, trial delivery or the wider research community.
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- **Leadership Award:** Demonstrates **exceptional leadership** of a team, project or individual(s). Nominations should provide examples of how the nominee has **motivated, supported and developed others, managed challenges or change, built effective relationships and/or improved ways of working**, with clear evidence of the impact of their leadership.
- **PPI Champion:** Demonstrates **excellence in involving and working collaboratively with patients and/or members of the public** throughout the research process. Nominations should provide examples of how the nominee has meaningfully supported PPI activities and engagement, ensured patient/public voices influenced trial design or delivery, and/or improved the experience of PPI contributors, with evidence of the **impact of their approach**.

- **Research inclusion/EDI champion:** Demonstrates an outstanding commitment to **equality, diversity and inclusion within clinical research and/or the wider working environment**. Nominations should provide examples of actions taken to identify and address barriers to participation or inclusion, improve accessibility or representation, support an inclusive culture, or embed EDI within trial design and delivery, and should describe the **measurable or demonstrable impact**.
- **Rising star:** Open to individuals who are **within 3 years of starting their first role in trial management** and who have not held a previous trial management role. Demonstrates **exceptional contribution, potential and development** early in their trial management career. Nominations should provide examples of achievements, initiative, leadership, innovation, problem-solving or contribution to the wider team/research environment that demonstrate why the nominee is a rising star.
- **The Barbara Farrell award:** Demonstrates excellence in **supporting and developing others**, with clear evidence of the positive impact they have had on individuals, teams or the wider research community. Nominations should provide specific examples of how the nominee has empowered others, shared knowledge, built confidence or created a supportive and inclusive environment, and the difference this has made.

How can I nominate someone for an award?

Nominating a trial management professional for a UKTMN award is easy – just complete this short nomination form. You will be asked to provide your details, the details of the nominee and information to support the nomination.

We suggest providing examples to support why you think the nominee should win the award, taking into consideration the award category description listed above. **You may only select one category per form. If you wish to nominate someone for more than one category, please complete a separate form for each category.**

If the reviewers feel that the nomination you submit is best suited to a different category to the one selected, they may score and review the nomination for an alternative category, to ensure the nominee is recognised appropriately.

There will also be a space for you to list colleagues who wish to support the nomination. This is not mandatory but can help the reviewers understand the impact of your nomination.

You can nominate anyone in a trial management role who you think deserves an award, regardless of job title or level of experience.

How will the nominations be reviewed?

To ensure a fair review of the nominations we receive, the review panel (members of the UKTMN Professional Development and Executive Group) will be looking for evidence that the nominee demonstrates qualities according to the award category you select.

Each nomination will receive a score from reviewers, ranging from providing no evidence to providing strong evidence to support the award category selected. We suggest providing examples to

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What happens once I've submitted a nomination?

You don't need to do anything! Each nominee will be contacted to let them know that they have been nominated for an award once the nomination window has closed, and we will copy you in to the email we send.

We will then be in touch with you and the nominee again once the review has been completed to inform you of the outcome.

What do winners receive?

The winner in each category will receive a free place at the UKTMN Annual Conference. Places will be non-transferable and include registration fee only. No further costs i.e. travel expenses will be provided. Winners will also receive a certificate for their records.

All nominations must be submitted by Wednesday 18 November 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact uktmn@nottingham.ac.uk

Person details

Please provide your details here

1. Full name

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0/32,000 characters

2. Job title

0/32,000 characters

3. Name of your unit/institution

0/32,000 characters

4. Email address

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0/32,000 characters

Please add the details of the person you are nominating

5. Full name

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0/32,000 characters

6. Job title

0/32,000 characters

7. Name of unit/institution

0/32,000 characters

8. Email address

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9. Please select the option below which best describes your working relationship with the nominee

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- ☐ They are my line manager
- ☐ I line manage them
- ☐ They work on the same trial as me
- ☐ They work in the same department/unit as me
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. Please provide any additional details about your working relationship with the nominee here, if you wish

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11. Please select the award category you would like to nominate this person for:

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- ☐ Trial Manager of the Year
- ☐ Innovation Award
- ☐ Leadership Award
- ☐ PPI Champion
- ☐ Research inclusion/EDI Champion
- ☐ Rising star Award
- ☐ The Barbara Farrell Award

12. Please provide evidence to support your nomination:

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Please ensure that you include relevant criteria and supporting evidence to demonstrate why the nominee meets the category you have selected

13. Would you like to list any additional colleagues who wish to support this nomination?

Name, job title and affiliation will be required for all supporters.
*This is not mandatory but may help those who review the nomination to understand the impact of the nomination you have provided.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

14. Please list the name, job title and affiliation for any supporters of this nomination.

