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Food Hygiene
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SOFHT AWARDS 2025

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BEST FOOD SCIENTIST/TECHNOLOGIST • BEST HYGIENE MANAGER • BEST NEW PRODUCT/SERVICE
BEST TECHNICAL TEAM • BEST TRAINER • BEST TRAINING COMPANY • RISING STAR

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WELCOME TO THE SOFHT AWARDS 2025

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It's that time of year where you can be involved and nominate those people or companies who you feel deserve to be recognised at the SOFHT Awards 2025.

The SOFHT Awards celebrate excellence within the food industry and its associated industries. Do you know about a new product(s), special person or company that deserves recognition? The awards will be judged by the panel of experienced food industry professionals from the Society's membership.

This year's winners will be announced at the industry's prestigious Annual Lecture & Lunch which will be held at The Brewery, London on Thursday 20th November 2025.

You are invited to submit one or more nominations for either your own product, personnel, company or to nominate others.

Entry to SOFHT Awards is FREE. Nominations are welcome from all disciplines within the food industry and its suppliers. Closing date for all nominations is Tuesday 30th September 2025.

BEST APPRENTICE

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This category is to recognise and celebrate outstanding apprentices who have demonstrated exceptional skills, dedication, and commitment to their company. Entry is open to all registered apprentices who have completed at least one year and are currently enrolled in a recognised apprenticeship program. Entrants must include details of quality of work, commitment to learning and development, good communication skills and problem-solving skills in their role.



BEST AUDITOR

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This category will recognise an auditor who has best demonstrated continued excellence in their field of operation in terms of knowledge, objectivity and pragmatism in their audit skills, whilst ensuring ongoing conformance with recognised audit standards. The category is open to auditors from any discipline.

NOTE: Please provide details of the number of sites audited and against which standards.



BEST COMPANY <10 EMPLOYEES

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BEST COMPANY >10 EMPLOYEES

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This category is for ALL companies, irrespective of size, that have markedly and consistently produced an outstanding performance in their area/sector over the year, and demonstrated one or more of the following: a marked, measurable and consistent improvement in standards over the year; successfully launched an exciting and/or novel range of new products or service (food, service equipment etc); successfully launched an exciting and/or novel range of packaging.

NOTE: At the Awards Committee's discretion, two awards may be presented to a company <10 employees and >10 employees.



BEST FOOD SCIENTIST/TECHNOLOGIST

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This category is to recognise people who have used their skills to improve, protect or develop safer clean food products in any part of the food supply chain. These may include, Technical Managers, Quality Managers, NPD, Hygiene Operatives, Company Microbiologists, Packaging Technologists and Consultants.



BEST HYGIENE MANAGER

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This category is to recognise the hard work and commitment of the role of the Hygiene Manager in the food industry. Nominations will need to provide details of improvements in hygiene standards or systems on site, evidence of significant savings in water, chemical, labour or energy over past 12 months or details of communication systems implemented within the hygiene team.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR ENTRY STAND OUT

Each year the number of entries in each category increases, therefore to stand the best chance of being nominated as a finalist or of winning you need to make your entry stand out from the crowd and grab the judges' attention. The entry form allows 100 words to précis the nomination, **previous winners have supported their entries with a high quality and relevant supporting information pack.** If your entry is a product endorsement(s), test results and external verification will all enhance your entry. The attention to detail in the best entries we have received in the past has been excellent, presenting the information in a clear, interesting and compelling manner and avoiding the temptation to provide too much information.

We encourage you to enter and wish you the best of luck.

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BEST NEW PRODUCT / SERVICE

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This broad category covers any aspect of food, service or equipment, and is designed to enable any company in the food industry, or supplying/servicing the food industry, to participate. The Society wishes to receive nominations for a product, service or item of equipment that has delivered an innovative product, and/or approach, and/or system to the industry. The product should be identifiably different to any existing product in its category or area of activity, providing a new experience and/or additional benefits to existing and/or new customers. The product must be readily available in the market and have proven performance with endorsements from at least two food industry customers.



BEST TECHNICAL TEAM *NEW*

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This award celebrates a technical team that has demonstrated exceptional collaboration, innovation, and effectiveness in ensuring food safety and compliance. This award recognizes teams that have successfully tackled complex challenges, implemented new systems, or achieved outstanding results in maintaining high food safety and hygiene standards.



BEST TRAINER

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This category is designed to find a person who is currently active in the food industry, and who is providing exceptional training/technical service and expertise. The Society wishes to receive nominations for people who provide their service in a manner that is over and above the expected standard or contracted service levels.

NOTE: A 5 minute YouTube or online/video clip to be provided demonstrating an example of the training being undertaken.



BEST TRAINING COMPANY

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This category recognises companies that provide outstanding service to the food industry, whether or not this includes formal qualifications or to established standards. Nominated companies should provide a consistently high calibre of training and/or introduce a novel training system or approach for training. The award will be made to a company considered to be performing over and above the established levels, and that is demonstrably improving training provisions for the food industry.

NOTE: A 5 minute YouTube or online/video clip to be provided demonstrating an example of the training being undertaken.



THE RISING STAR AWARD

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This category will recognise a rising star, who has demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm and potential for the future. The award is open to any employee from any discipline.

NOTE: A nomination from their employer is required with supporting evidence.



To make your nominations, please visit:
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Awards 2025
WINNER



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