



Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards – Submission and Judging Framework

Awards Criteria, Judging Panel and Award Submission

Awards Scope	<p>The Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards is an integral part of the Tertiary ICT Conference, showcasing ICT technology excellence, innovation and advancements within the New Zealand tertiary education sector.</p> <p>Award submissions are accepted from any staff member of a New Zealand tertiary education institution. Award submissions are submitted to the organising committee of the New Zealand Tertiary ICT Conference during the standard call for papers process linked with the conference.</p> <p>Submissions are based around defined judging criteria and presented to an award judging panel during the annual New Zealand Tertiary ICT Conference.</p> <p>The awards are presented during a gala dinner hosted on the second night of the New Zealand Tertiary ICT Conference.</p>
Awards Criteria and Prize Pool	<p>The Tertiary Excellence Awards categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TICT award for excellence in Technology Delivery – for exceptional delivery of technology across projects, service delivery and support • The TICT award for excellence in Technology for Learning, Research or Students – for exceptional delivery of technology supporting the core sector outcomes of Learning, Research or Students • Supreme Winner – awarded to the highest rated winner of either of either the “Technology Delivery” or “Learning, Research or Students” categories. • TICT Judges’ Special Award recognising Innovation, Impact or Excellence - the judges will award a special prize for a standout entrant not successful in winning either major category.

	<p>Prize Pool</p> <p>The prize pool for the Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards is agreed by the TICT Conference organising committee and is currently allocated as follows:</p> <p>Judges' Special Award \$2,000</p> <p>Technology Delivery Excellence Award \$3,500</p> <p>Learning, Research or Students Excellence Award \$3,500</p> <p>All cash prizes are paid to the Award winner's institution.</p> <p>Supreme Winner – Awarded the TICT Innovation and Excellence trophy to be held until the next year's awards ceremony.</p> <p>Entrants must specify which category they wish to be judged. If an entrant does not select a category, the judging panel will assign the submission to the category that they feel is appropriate.</p>
Awards Judging and Submission	<p>The Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards are judged on two components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content and quality of the pre-conference submission (70%) • The professionalism, delivery and quality of information presented during the conference within the allotted time slot - including questions and answers (30%) <p>Judges also take into consideration the size of the institution and the effect the service innovation has had on that institution to give equal footing between larger Universities and smaller institutions.</p> <p>Judges recognise that many IT projects are multi-year and there can be immense value in sharing approaches and learnings and would encourage teams to consider making a submission mid-project rather than waiting until completion.</p>

Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards Submission Requirements

All pre-conference submissions, written or otherwise, must address the following requirements:

1. Describe the technology or process that is core to your submission. Please be precise in describing exactly why this should be considered for the awards.
2. Briefly summarise how your submission supports and is valued by your organisation. Describe the customer or business benefits of the technology or process. For example, which key strategies did the enhancement meet, what business problem needed to be solved, or perhaps how is/will a key customer group benefit from a new or improved delivery process.
3. Describe the broader applicability of the enhancement across different teams, departments, or institutions and how it might support long-term transformation and adaptability in the IT landscape.

4. Describe how the project was taken from vision/idea to delivery, and what challenges were met and how they were handled on the way.
5. Please detail any technologies that were implemented to deliver your submission or supply any other information you think may assist your submission.
6. Please supply the name, title and contact details of two people whom our judges may contact as referees. Ideally the referees should have knowledge of the implementation and its benefits from a customer or Institutional management perspective.
7. Please list all technology suppliers involved in the project.

Note:

The pre-conference submission makes up 70% of their final score and the presentation on the day 30%. This split is designed to encourage first-time presenters at the Conference and provides the Judges with ample opportunity to thoroughly assess submissions.

Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards Judging Criteria and Process

Judging Process	<p>Once the judging panel has individually scored pre-conference submissions and presentations, the panel will retreat to score and discuss the award submissions.</p> <p>Once scored, the panel will determine the winners of</p> <p>1 – The ‘TICT award for excellence in technology’. This is for the highest score out of 100, after moderation, for submissions in this category.</p> <p>2 – The ‘TICT award for excellence in technology for Learning, Research or Students’. This is for the highest score out of 100, after moderation, for submissions in this category.</p> <p>3 – The ‘Supreme Winner’ awarded to the submission with the highest score out of 100 from the excellence in technology delivery and technology for Learning, Research or students award winners. If two of the category winners are equal after judging, the Supreme Winner will be chosen at the discretion of the judging panel.</p> <p>4 – The ‘TICT Judges’ Special award recognising Innovation, Impact or Excellence’ is awarded to a standout entrant not successful in either major category.</p> <p>Results must be communicated to the Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards MC and any other stakeholder required delivering the awards ceremony.</p>
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