



THE ASSOCIATION OF
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APTUK AWARDS 2026

Entry Guide

Friday 18th September 2026

Renaissance Hotel Heathrow

Entry Deadline: Thursday 30th April 2026



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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The APTUK Annual Conference Awards are back for 2026!

The APTUK Annual Conference Awards celebrate and acknowledge successful individuals, teams, and projects within the pharmacy technician profession.

We are delighted to be able to recognise skilled, outstanding and high-achieving pharmacy technicians from all sectors of pharmacy practice and individual excellence through eight prestigious awards.

Prizes include an engraved trophy and an educational bursary towards attendance at APTUK Annual Conference 2027.

We look forward to you joining us for another unforgettable event.

Amy Laflin
President, APTUK





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Entry Criteria

- Who can enter

The APTUK Awards 2026 is your chance to shine! Any pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician team in any sector of pharmacy can enter. All awards are open to members and non-members of APTUK.

- How to enter

1. Choose your categories wisely – pick the ones that best suit your achievements
2. Read the submission guidelines carefully so that you make the most of the nomination
3. Complete the nomination form online and send before the deadline of 30th April 2026

- Why enter

Winning an APTUK award is not just about the trophy, it's about celebrating the impact you or your team have had as pharmacy professionals. Past winners have said it has given them a lot of professional pride to have been recognised for their work in pharmacy.



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2026 Categories

We are pleased to present the following categories for the 2026 APTUK Awards

- APTUK Pharmacy Technician Team of the Year
- APTUK Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician of the Year
- APTUK Excellence in Pharmacy Education
- APTUK Advancing Clinical Practice
- APTUK Inspirational Leadership
- APTUK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Champion
- APTUK Branch of the Year
- Katherine Miles Innovation Award – Poster
- Katherine Miles Innovation Award – Oral Presentation

**“Expand Your Horizons -
Celebrate Your Impact.
Enter the APTUK
Awards.”**



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APTUK Pharmacy Technician Team of the Year

The APTUK Pharmacy Technician Team of the Year Award focuses on the pivotal role that outstanding teams of pharmacy technicians have on influencing positive person-centred care. This can be through innovation, service development or research.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the team made an outstanding contribution to pharmacy services in the UK?

What impact has the team's contribution had to pharmacy locally, regionally and nationally?

How does the team's contribution reinforce positive person-centred patient care?

What impact has the team's contribution had for patients and the public?

To what extend is technology used in this area of pharmacy practice to enhance patient care?





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APTUK Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician of the Year

The APTUK Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award acknowledges the commitment, dedication and achievement of Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians. The award will be made to a trainee who demonstrates outstanding effort and commitment.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the PTPT demonstrated their commitment to successfully completing their PTPT qualification?

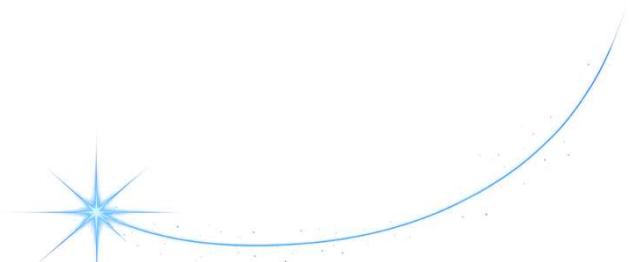
Please describe the academic achievements of the PTPT.

To what extent has the PTPT demonstrated their commitment to successfully completing work-based competencies?

To what extent has the PTPT demonstrated outstanding effort and commitment over and above other PTPTs?

To what extend has the PTPT made a positive impact on pharmacy practice / patient-centred care?

To what extend has the PTPT demonstrated professionalism within their training and practice?





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APUK Excellence in Pharmacy Education



The APTUK Excellence in Pharmacy Education Award recognises an outstanding pharmacy technician, team or project that has made a significant contribution to education, training and development of pharmacy technicians or teams in the UK.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the pharmacy technician / team or project made a significant contribution to education, training or development of pharmacy technicians or pharmacy teams in the UK?

What impact has this contribution had on pharmacy practice locally, regionally and nationally?

What impact has this contribution had for patients and the public?

To what extent have new and innovative methods of education and development been used?

To what extent has a multidisciplinary or collaborative education and development model been used?



PLEASE NOTE: This award is open to individual pharmacy technicians, pharmacy teams or projects, but not to educational providers.



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APTUK Advancing Clinical Practice

The APTUK Advancing Clinical Practice Award is open to pharmacy technicians, pharmacy teams or a project that has contributed to significant clinical advancement over the past 12 months.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the pharmacy technician / team or project made an outstanding contribution to advancing clinical practice?

What impact has their contribution to advancing clinical practice had to patient care locally, regionally or nationally?

How does the pharmacy technician / team demonstrate professionalism in their clinical practice?

How does their contribution to advancing clinical practice enhance patient-centred outcomes?

To what extend does their clinical practice raise the profile of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy services with patients and the public?





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APTUK Inspirational Leadership

The APTUK Inspirational Leadership Award is open to pharmacy technicians who have shown inspirational leadership within their team, over the past 12 months.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the pharmacy technician shown inspirational leadership?

What impact has their leadership had locally, regionally or nationally?

How does the pharmacy technician demonstrate professionalism in their leadership?

How does their leadership enhance patient-centred outcomes?

To what extent does their leadership raise the profile of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy services with patients and the public?





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APUK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Champion

The APTUK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Champion Award recognises an outstanding pharmacy technician who has championed the values of equality, diversity & inclusion within the workplace.

What we want to hear about:

To what extent has the pharmacy technician made a significant contribution to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion?

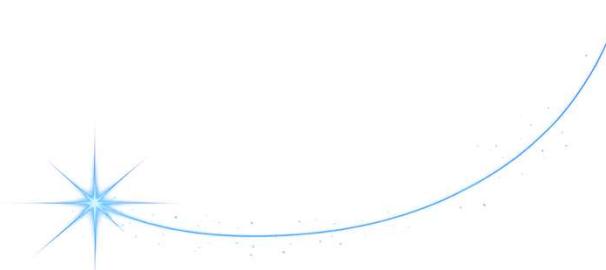
What impact has this Equality, Diversity & Inclusion contribution had for their team, patients or the public?

What impact has this Equality, Diversity & Inclusion contribution had to pharmacy practice?

How does the pharmacy technician demonstrate professionalism in their Equality, Diversity & Inclusion practice?

How does their contribution enhance patient-centred outcomes?

To what extent does their Equality, Diversity & Inclusion practice raise the profile of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy services with patients and the public?





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APTUK Branch of the Year

The APTUK Branch of the Year Award acknowledges the ongoing dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of Pharmacy Technicians members running local branches voluntarily in their community. Each branch submits their own nomination, to describe the impact they have had over the previous year.

What we want to hear about:

Have the branch meetings included a variety of speakers and attracted a wide audience at a local or national level?

Has the branch provided effective education and networking?

Have there been other branch activities which support/promote APTUK (including consultation responses, work to promote APTUK with trainee pharmacy technicians etc)?



“The Technical Services Branch is delighted and deeply honoured to have been awarded Branch of the Year for 2024–2025. This recognition reflects the sustained dedication (despite ongoing challenges) to support the professional development and knowledge exchange across the Technical Services community.”



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Katherine Miles Innovation Award

The Katherine Miles Innovation Award helps to support creative thinking. Entrants use posters or short oral presentations to illustrate latest research and generation of new and valuable ideas. There will be 2 awards given in 2026, one for the best poster presentation and one for the best oral presentation. The awards will be made to entrants who best showcase their projects, research or achievements.

What we want to hear about:

Study design – are the objectives, methods clearly written and is it a well-designed study?

Content - Is the overall abstract well-written and presented, does it make sense?

Impact – are the outcomes clear, is it a well conducted study, and will it influence practice?



“I am delighted to have received 1st place for the Katherine Miles Innovation Award for my work with Housebound Polypharmacy Reviews. I am proud of this work and the difference it is making to patients.”



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The Rules

1

All entries must be written in English.

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All entries must be submitted via our online entry system (include link).

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All entries must be based on activities undertaken between April 2025 – April 2026.

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Companies may enter more than one category, provided that each entry has been specifically written to address the relevant criteria.

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All entries must include a picture of the nominee or team which can be used at the awards ceremony.

Confidentiality

We recognise and respect the sensitive nature of the information submitted in the entries.

We ensure that this recognition is shared by our judging panel as well.

Entries are not disclosed or discussed outside the judging process. Once an entry is shortlisted, extracts from the entry will be sourced for inclusion in the awards ceremony and any subsequent editorial coverage.

Assessment Criteria

Judges will evaluate nominations based on:

Impact: Contribution to pharmacy practice locally, regionally, nationally.

Innovation: Use of new methods, technology, or creative approaches.

Professionalism: Demonstration of ethical and professional standards.

Patient-Centred Outcomes: Evidence of improved care and service quality.

Leadership & Collaboration: For relevant categories, assess leadership qualities and teamwork.



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FAQs

Q. How do I enter?

It's very simple. Ensure you have read the entry guidelines and category criteria. Decide which category/categories you wish to enter. Submit your entry via our online portal. Answer the questions/criteria relevant to your chosen category. When your entry is complete, don't forget to click submit.

Q. How much does it cost to enter?

It is free to enter the Awards.

Q. When is the entry deadline?

Entries are being accepted until 30th April 2026.

Q. I am not sure which category our entry would fit into?

If you are not sure which category your entry fits into, please contact our events team for further assistance aptuk@profileproductions.co.uk.

Q. Can I submit more than one entry?

Yes. Your business is able to enter as many as are relevant, please note you can't submit the same or similar entries for more than one category.

Q. I am a sponsor of the Awards. Am I still able to enter?

Yes, you can enter the Awards and we would encourage this. However, you are unable to enter the category you are sponsoring. But don't worry – there are plenty of other categories to choose from.

Q. How will I know whether my submission has been received?

All submissions will be acknowledged by an automated email once you have submitted your entry. Our Awards team will also get in touch with you again shortly after the entry deadline. If you have any concerns, please contact our events team aptuk@profileproductions.co.uk.

Q. How will I know if my submission has been successful?

Following the judging all shortlisted nominations will be informed via email by Friday 19th June 2026. The winners will be announced at the APTUK 2026 Professional Conference and Awards Dinner on Friday 18th September 2026, at the Renaissance Hotel, London Heathrow.

Q. What PR and marketing opportunities will there be if I am shortlisted?

All shortlisted entrants will be sent a marketing pack containing a digital email signature and banners to display on your website, social media and emails.

Q. What do I get if I win?

The APTUK Awards are highly regarded within the pharmacy profession and winning an award marks you out as a leader in your field. Winners are announced at the Awards ceremony and will receive an engraved trophy and an educational bursary towards attendance at APTUK Annual Conference 2027.

Q. How are nominations judged?

Each award has a clear table of criteria for the judges to follow, and their weight (%), aligned with the nomination questions (where provided) to reduce interpretation variance. A score is awarded using a consistent scoring rubric aligned with category-specific questions (e.g., extent of contribution, measurable outcomes).

Judges' decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into regarding outcomes.



Contact us...



Please get in touch via the contact details below:



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We look forward to receiving your nominations.

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For further information about how the APTUK Pharmacy Technician Awards can enhance your marketing through sponsorship opportunities for your business, please contact:
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