



BJS Award 2027 fact sheet

- The next BJS Award will be presented in June 2027.
- The nomination window for the BJS Award 2027 is due to open on Tuesday 2 April and will close on Friday 26 June 2026, there will be no extension of the deadline.

Background information:

- BJS Foundation has established a prestigious international award to recognise excellence in surgical science.
- The award recognises a discovery, innovation or scientific study within the field of surgery that has changed clinical practice with profound impact on patient care.
- The winner is awarded with:
 - €100,000
 - A medal
 - A framed diploma
 - A painting
 - An invitation to the Award ceremony and dinner with a guest
 - A BJS Academy webinar
- The BJS Award forms part of the BJS Foundation's international outreach programme. The Foundation has therefore pledged to donate to surgical educational development and the BJS Foundation Charity Committee.
- The inaugural BJS Award winner was Professor Henrik Kehlet for his scientific achievements in peri-operative care, which profoundly changed clinical practice in many fields of surgery globally. Followed by Professor James Shapiro in 2025 for his profound impact on patient care through his ground-breaking 'Edmonton Protocol' for islet cell transplantation for type 1 diabetes.

Important points for nominators to consider:

- Nominations can be made by any individual as an expert within the surgical community
- Nominations can be made by an organisation, including societies, associations, colleges and bodies
- Self-nominations are not permitted
- Nominations must be confidential and must not be communicated with the nominee. Any breach of confidentiality will result in disqualification for the prize.
- Nominations should be in a specific field of surgical science, and nominations that fall outside of the strict purpose of the award, including humanitarian or lifetime achievement nominations, will not be considered.
- Nominees must be living and recognized as surgical specialists, i.e., hold a certificate or diploma in surgery (no posthumous nominations will be considered).
- The candidate should not be a current member of the BJS Foundation Award Committee, BJS Foundation Council or work as a BJS/BJS Open editor.



For more information:

- Refer to the [BJS Award website page](#) where you can find the background information and the guidelines for submitting a nomination.
- Refer to the website pages for the BJS Award winners, where you can find all content related to the presentation:
 - [2025 BJS Award to Professor James Shapiro](#)
 - [2023 BJS Award to Professor Henrik Kehlet](#)

How to make a nomination:

To propose a nomination for the BJS Award 2027:

- Submit via the online form available on the [webpage](#)
- Click on the link and create an account, you will be sent an email to verify your email address. Once you have verified your email address you will be redirected to the online submission form
- Should you need to complete your form at a later date you can exit the form, which will automatically save the information already inputted. When ready to complete your nomination log into your account using your account credentials
- Once you are ready, click submit to finalise your nomination
- Please note once you have submitted your form you will be unable to edit further

For more information visit the [BJS Award guidelines for nominator](#).



Guidelines for nominator

- Nominations can be made by any individual as an expert within the surgical community
- Nominations can be made by an organisation, including societies, associations, colleges and bodies
- Self-nominations are not permitted
- Nominations cannot be made by a member of the BJS Award Committee

- The nominee must be:
 - A living person (no posthumous nominations)
 - Hold a certificate or specialist diploma in Surgery
 - Have led on a specific scientific field of surgery (humanitarian and life-time achievements will not be considered)
 - Have the work supported by publications or patents
 - The nominee must not have a conflict of interest with the BJS Foundation:
 - A member of the BJS Award committee
 - A member of the BJS Foundation council
 - A member of the BJS or BJS Open editorial teams

- The nomination must be confidential, it must not be communicated with the nominee, any breach of confidentiality will result in being removed from the process
- The nomination period will open on 2 April 2026 and close on 26 June 2026
- Nominations must be made on the online nomination form, and this will be accessed via this webpage on 2 April 2026
- Nominations will not be accepted in any other format
- To make a nomination you will be required to submit a proposal on the nominee and up to a maximum of five reference publications (see below for more information)
- As the nominator, you must commit to be available and open, if necessary, for additional questions by the Award Committee (up until 31 March 2027)
- The nominator also agrees to share personal details under GDPR regulations for the purposes of this Award process
- The BJS Award Committee decision is final, including, if deemed appropriate, a decision not to make the Award in any given cycle
- There will be no feedback to the nominator on the decision made by BJS Award Committee

Terms and Conditions for Award Winner



The Award winner will be expected to:

- Conduct an interview with the BJS Academy
- Work with the BJS Foundation on an appropriate laudatio
- Submit a professional headshot to the BJS Foundation
- Attend the Award dinner with a guest on Friday 11 June 2027, location to be determined
- Deliver a webinar with the BJS Academy
- Consent to include all content collected during this process to be used for promotional or educational purposes on the BJS Academy website and social media channels

Online form submission guidelines

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- Should you need to complete your form at a later date you can exit the form, which will automatically save the information already inputted. When ready to complete your nomination log into your account using your account credentials
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Should you wish to prepare the information offline and in advance of the nomination window. To help you prepare, please find below a list of all the information required. Once you have collated the information you can copy and paste the information to the online form.

Nominator details

Title
First name
Middle name
Family name
Institution
City
Country
Email



Personal mobile phone number

Current position

Specialty

Are you submitting this nomination on behalf of an organisation

Nominee details

Title

First name

Middle name

Family name

Institution

City

Country

Email

Personal mobile phone number

Current position

Reasons for nomination

Please provide your reason for nomination by individually addressing the three criteria below:

- A discovery, innovation or scientific study within the field of surgery;
- Has changed clinical practice;
- Has had a profound impact on patient care.

Publications

Please add a maximum of five reference publications and include the following information for each reference:

- DOI number / PubMed link (this is required)
- Title;
- Authors;
- Journal published/issue/page reference.