**RISING STARS: EXTRAORDINARY TALENT**

This award is open to **founders/co-founders/leaders of a start-up or early-stage life sciences business** which demonstrates significant potential to become a successful global company. As evidenced by customer and/or market engagement; building a diverse and skilled team; and attracting investment.

**THE JUDGING PANEL WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO:**

* Level of leadership, ambition, and entrepreneurship.
* Commercial success (e.g., turnover; deals done; collaborations established, investment raised to date).
* Culture of global ambition and international strategy.
* Investment secured.
* Adoption of digitalisation to optimise operations.
* Adoption of new processes to reduce carbon emissions.
* Growth of company - significant activity that has contributed to growth (e.g., specific investment, launch of product, expansion).
* Understanding customers’ needs.
* Development of a management team.
* Made a difference to the growth of the life science sector in Scotland.

**Entrants are not required to provide evidence for every point listed.**

**The following template is a guide to help entrants structure a comprehensive, and easy to follow submission. The entry form is to act as a guide only. Entrants are permitted to submit their entry as one section if preferred.**

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| **Name of Nominated Founder, Co-founder, or Leader** | |
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| **Contact Details for Nominated Founder, Co-founder, or Leader** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Company** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **BACKGROUND** can include examples of the items listed below.   * Clearly identify the **founder, co-founder or leader** of the **early-stage life sciences business/start-up**. * Give details of their leadership, ambition, or entrepreneurship. | |
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| **DEVELOPMENT** can include examples of the items listed below.   * Include details of any commercial success (e.g., turnover; deals done; collaborations established, investment raised to date) * Highlight company growth or significant contributary activity (e.g., specific investment, launch of product, expansion) and the role the business leader or management team played. * Give details of any growth, or ambition for growth in global markets through international strategy, where relevant. * Include details of any Investment secured wehre relevant. | |
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| **INNOVATION** can include examples of the items listed below.   * Focus on the innovative elements of the engagement. * Provide details of any digitalisation that enabled growth of operations. * Provide details of any new processes to reduce carbon emissions. | |
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| **EXECUTION AND RESULTS** can include examples of the items listed below.   * Did the founder, co-founder, leader, or management team show an understanding of customers’ needs. * Throughout this process how was the management team developed? * Did the founder, co-founder, leader or management team make a difference to the growth of the life science sector in Scotland and/or internationally? * Did the founder, co-founder, leader, or management team activities make a difference to the growth of the company? (e.g., specific investment; launch of product, expansion). | |
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| **Nominator Details:** | |
| Name |  |
| Company |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| **The closing date for entries is 10 December 2023.** | |

*Definition of the “life sciences” sector includes the fields of human health (medicine, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, health informatics/connected health), biology and biotechnology (including industrial, marine, pharmaceutical, and agricultural biotechnology) and animal health (veterinary, pharmaceuticals).*

*Definition of a Scottish company/organisation is one which trade and employs staff in Scotland. This could be an established Scottish subsidiary of a multinational or a company with HQ in Scotland. The awards are made to the innovations and successes that originate from the Scottish facility.*