

RTS Scotland Awards 2022

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Entry Dates & Guidelines

Entry Open: Monday 13 February 2023

Entry deadline: Monday 13 March 2023

Judges will consider all elements of the entries, based on the following criteria:

- Creativity
- Originality and innovation
- Entertainment value
- Use of resources
- Professionalism

All work must have been aired on TV, distributed for non--broadcast or streamed online for the first time between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022 inclusive.

Work should be commissioned and not simply self-promoting.

Entries must qualify as a Scottish regional production. To qualify, entries must meet two out of the following three criteria, as agreed by OFCOM:

1. the production company must have a substantive business and production based in Scotland.
2. at least 70% of the production budget must be spent in Scotland; and
3. at least 50% of the production talent by cost must have their usual place of employment in Scotland.

For more information, visit the link below:

[Regional Production and Regional Programme Guidance from 2021 \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/rp/rp202106/rp202106.pdf)

Video Format & Upload

Any clips submitted should preferably be H264 HD .mp4 or .mov.

Please use our preferred specification where possible, however if your original best quality video is in another format, we would prefer to receive it with a minimum of trans-coding to preserve quality. Please note that it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure video quality.

RTS recommends that you check the video quality before the file is uploaded and watch once again when the upload and transcode is complete.

If you are not happy with the video quality please recreate the file and, if the file has been uploaded, notify RTS via awards@rts.org.uk

RTS will not be held responsible for any video quality problems.

Estimated Upload Times

This table shows roughly how long a file will take to upload, based on its size and the available bandwidth.

File Size	Available Bandwidth				
	2 Mbps	5 Mbps	10 Mbps	15 Mbps	20 Mbps
0.5 GB	34.1 mins	13.7 mins	6.8 mins	4.6 mins	3.4 mins
1 GB	68.3 mins	27.3 mins	13.7 mins	9.1 mins	6.8 mins
2 GB	2.3 hours	54.6 mins	27.3 mins	18.2 mins	13.7 mins
5 GB	5.7 hours	2.3 hours	1.1 hours	45.5 mins	34.1 mins
10 GB	11.4 hours	4.6 hours	2.3 hours	1.5 hours	68.3 mins
15 GB	17.1 hours	6.8 hours	3.4 hours	2.3 hours	1.7 hours
20 GB	22.8 hours	9.1 hours	4.6 hours	3.0 hours	2.3 hours

Please note that if your computer goes into 'sleep' mode during this time, the upload will pause. Once the file has completed uploading it will automatically begin to transcode. Once transcoded, all videos will be available to watch in your **Media Library**.

Production Awards

Production awards include the following categories

Factual

There are five separate categories, including daytime, documentaries and specialist factual, documentaries and specialist factual: history, documentaries and specialist factual: arts and documentaries and specialist factual: science and natural history. This category has been split into five sections to reflect the breadth and depth of factual production talent in Scotland.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series -- although only one edition of the series may be submitted. Please note that "one edition of the series" excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Daytime

This category recognises the demands of producing high quality factual programming. Daytime programmes are those transmitted before 6.00pm.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series - although only one edition of the series may be submitted.

Please note that "one edition of the series" excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Documentary and Specialist Factual

This category includes documentaries and specialist factual programmes.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series - although only one edition of the series may be submitted.

Please note that "one edition of the series" excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Documentary and Specialist Factual: Arts

This category includes documentaries and specialist factual programmes with an emphasis on arts.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series - although only one edition of the series may be submitted.

Please note that "one edition of the series" excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Documentary and Specialist Factual: History

This category includes documentaries and specialist factual programmes with an emphasis on history.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series - although only one edition of the series may be submitted.

Please note that "one edition of the series" excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Documentary and Specialist Factual: Science & Natural History

This category includes documentaries and specialist factual programmes with an emphasis on, science, natural history & the environment.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a factual series – although only one edition of the series may be submitted.

Please note that “one edition of the series” excludes compilation entries and compilation broadcasts, unless there is substantial new content. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Drama

This award is for fiction or other narrative drama, including docu-drama and online. Complete programmes must be submitted.

Live Event

The submitted entry should be a maximum of 30minute compilation of the coverage as transmitted or streamed. There can be a maximum of three extracts within the 30 minutes. Each extract must be as transmitted and not specifically edited for these awards.

The entries will be judged on the quality of the coverage, not on the importance or excitement of the event. The entry should reflect the full range of the coverage. The focus will be on the commentary, pictures and sound, what was shown or not shown, use of technology, challenges overcome, editing, packaging, punditry and presentation.

This category includes sporting and live events, studio shows recorded as live e.g. music festival coverage, Hogmanay programmes.

Entertainment and Features Awards

This award includes factual entertainment programmes including magazine shows, fashion, cookery, travel, property and other popular formatted programmes, as well as studio shows, gameshows and archive programmes.

News

This award is for the best television news programme in Scotland. The award is intended to recognise every aspect of television news, including speed of reaction to breaking news and the depth and quality of coverage.

A whole programme or series of up to ten excerpts can be submitted for judging.

Each clip should be clearly identified by time and date. They must not be edited internally.

Current Affairs

This award is for documentary and discussion programmes, which investigate, explain or analyse current events.

Entries may come from one-off programmes or a series.

Complete programmes should be submitted.

Sport: Programme

The award will recognise production and editorial values in actuality sports programming – strand or individual programme.

This category includes sports discussion as well as sports entertainment. The submitted entry should be either up to one continuous hour or up to a one-hour compilation of the coverage as transmitted – there can be a maximum of four extracts within the hour.

Each extract must be from the same programme and must be as transmitted and not specifically edited.

Comedy

This award category is for a wide range of comedy programmes whose common aim is to make the audience laugh.

This could include panel shows, chat shows, game shows, situation comedies, comedy dramas and sketch shows.

Children's

This category includes children's drama, comedy, factual, entertainment and animation programmes. Series (one episode) and single programmes can be entered for the children's award.

Programmes must have been commissioned and produced specifically for the child audience, and broadcast during children's airtime.

Short Form

This category is designed to recognise excellence in the production of short form television content and the specialist skills required therein. Judges will consider anything shorter than ten minutes duration, which might include:

- Promotional items, trailers, idents and stings
- Commercials
- Online content, individual or episodic

Entries from any media platform used for distribution can be considered. Entries should demonstrate the project's effectiveness, evidencing clear, objective benchmarks of success in the marketplace.

Student Television Awards

Student Television Award

Student Television Awards take place in March 2023 and an overall winner will be chosen from the following judged categories:

- Animation
 - Factual
 - Drama
 - Comedy & Entertainment
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Portfolio Awards

These categories celebrate professional excellence.

All work must have been aired between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022

On-Screen Personality

This category is open to all television and video on-screen talent working across any and every genre and format.

Entrants should submit a portfolio of three items showing of no more than 12 minutes duration, together with contextual notes of no more than 750 words overall. The clips and notes should set out the background to the entry and be explicit about the entrants' skills in on-screen presentation.

This category is open to all on screen talent. The judging panel will consider:

- originality – presentation which demonstrate the ability to display individual personality
- interaction with location and contributors
- understanding the audience

Actor – Male

For a leading or supporting Scottish actor featured in any UK production – OR – any leading or supporting actor in a Scottish scripted programme or series.

Actor – Female

For a leading or supporting Scottish actor featured in any UK production – OR – any leading or supporting actor in a Scottish scripted programme or series.

Young Journalist presented in memory of George Sinclair

This category is open to all television and video web journalists working in news, current affairs, features and sport up to the age of 30 and is presented in memory of George Sinclair. The award recipient will receive a £1000 prize gifted by the Sinclair Trust.

As Editor News and, latterly, Editor News and Current Affairs, George Sinclair left a legacy of achievement over two decades in BBC Scotland. His monument will be "Reporting Scotland" but his influence extends to a generation of journalists who worked with him and for him

After a period in Fleet Street, George became the youngest news editor of the Scottish Daily Mail. He brought to BBC Scotland a repertoire of news values and techniques that marked a step-change in programme style and content.

The entry must be endorsed by a senior editorial colleague and be no longer than 12 minutes in duration. Entrants should submit a portfolio of up to three items showing a range of work, together with contextual notes of no more than 750 words overall, setting out the background to the entry and being explicit about the entrants' role or roles.

Crucially, the body of work submitted will show clear evidence of the ambition to develop outstanding skills in television or online journalism.

The judging panel will consider:

- Originality and innovation – reports which demonstrate the journalist's ability to work beyond a press release and uncover new ways of telling the story.
- Visual storytelling – including presentation, scripting and use of locations, video and graphics
- Use of resources – including live links, archive and research
- Working with other members of the editorial and technical team

Director

This category is open to all television and video directors working across any and every genre and format.

Entrants should submit a portfolio of up to three items no longer than 12 minutes in duration, or one complete programme.

Entrants should also submit contextual notes of no more than 750 words overall, setting out the background to the entry and being explicit about the entrants' skills in direction.

Writer

This award is to recognise the wealth of writing talent in Scotland. Demonstrating exceptional talent and skill, this award is for stand out pieces of work in the world of scriptwriting.

The judges will be looking for:

- originality and innovation
- style and creativity

This award is for anyone who received a 'writer' credit on any qualifying show including drama, comedy, children's TV or programmes featuring significant amounts of scripted content. The programme may be across any platform, including regional, national or international digital formats. Submit either the full programme or, in the case of a series, one programme from the series.

Professional Excellence (Craft)

Entries should include a combination of material (as outlined below) and contextual notes of no more than 500 words in support of the entry.

In the case of an individual submitting an entry, authentication should be gained by the commissioned production company and contact details provided for verification of entry.

Portfolios can encompass both broadcast and non-broadcast work.

Work must be commissioned and not simply self-promoting.

Camera (Craft)

For professional excellence in all elements of camera work, including sound capture where relevant, in single camera operations.

Entries should be no longer than 12 minutes and limited to three extracts, which demonstrate exceptional camerawork.

Entire programmes can be submitted as an example of work, but a time code reference of the favoured 12 minutes to view is required.

The judging panel will consider:

- originality, creativity and innovation
- technical competence
- versatility with a range of material
- use of resources

Entries should include a combination of material (as outlined below) and contextual notes of no more than 500 words in support of the entry.

In the case of an individual submitting an entry, authentication should be gained by the commissioned production company and contact details provided for verification of entry.

Portfolios can encompass both broadcast and non-broadcast work.

Work must be commissioned and not simply self-promoting.

Sound (Craft)

This category recognises professional excellence in sound across all television output from both post-production and location sound- including live events. This award could identify the work of one individual or the work of the whole sound team, in which case the recording supervisor and/or mixing supervisor should be named on the form. Entrants should submit a maximum of three programmes, clips or sequences exhibiting professional excellence in sound. Total duration should not exceed 12 minutes. Entire programmes can be submitted as an example of work, but a time code reference of the favoured 12 minutes to view is required.

The judging panel will consider:

- originality, creativity and innovation
- technical competence
- versatility with a range of material
- use of resources

Entries should include a combination of material (as outlined below) and contextual notes of no more than 500 words in support of the entry.

In the case of an individual submitting an entry, authentication should be gained by the commissioned production company and contact details provided for verification of entry.

Portfolios can encompass both broadcast and non-broadcast work.

Work must be commissioned and not simply self-promoting.

Post Production: Editing (Craft)

This category recognises professional excellence in post-production and is open to all aspects of editing, pictures and sound. Particular emphasis will be given to situations where editing added extra power or value to the process and the final content was significantly more effective as a result.

Entrants can submit a maximum of three programmes **from a series** – clips or sequences with each single clip not exceeding 12 minutes exhibiting professional excellence in this area. Entire programmes can be submitted as an example of work, but a timecode reference of the favoured 12 minutes to view is required. If this is not provided the jury will judge the first 12 mins of the supplied clip only.

The judging panel will consider:

- originality, creativity and innovation
- technical competence
- versatility with a range of material
- use of resources

Entries should include a combination of material (as outlined below) and contextual notes of no more than 500 words in support of the entry.

In the case of an individual submitting an entry, authentication should be gained by the commissioned production company and contact details provided for verification of entry.

Portfolios can encompass both broadcast and non-broadcast work.

Work must be commissioned and not simply self-promoting.

Post Production: Motion Design & Animation | Team Award

This category recognises professional excellence in the field of motion graphics, AV installation, interactive, animation and/or VFX. It is open to any team of 5 or above animators and designers.

Total duration of any entry should not exceed 12 minutes. Entrants should submit an edited sequence of up to 4 clips from any single programme of series.

VFX entries only may show a breakdown of the technical procedure used to create the works. This does not apply to animation entries.

The judging panel will consider:

- originality, creativity and innovation
- technical competence
- versatility with a range of material
- use of resources

Post Production: Motion Design & Animation | Individual and Small Team Award

This category recognises professional excellence in the field of motion graphics, AV installation, interactive, animation and/or VFX. It is open to individuals or small teams (up to a maximum of 4 designers).

Total duration of any entry should not exceed 12 minutes. Entrants should submit an edited sequence of up to 4 clips from any single programme of series.

VFX entries only may show a breakdown of the technical procedure used to create the works. This does not apply to animation entries.

The judging panel will consider:

- originality, creativity and innovation
- technical competence
- versatility with a range of material
- use of resources

The RTS Scotland Award for Outstanding Contribution

The industry award is for the outstanding contribution to television in Scotland. This could apply to any aspect of the industry, broadcasting, production or technical sectors in Scotland and beyond.

This award is open to individuals, teams and organisations whose work, either in front of the camera or behind the scenes, should have made a significant and lasting impact on audiences and viewers in Scotland.

The juries welcome suggestions and recommendations from the judging panels. Nominations are not required and the decision will be decided by the RTS Scotland Committee.

Additional Information

Three clips – not exceeding 12 mins per clip

Each clip must come from the same programme or series. Eg clip 1 : This Farming Life :Episode 1 (12 mins), clip 2 : This Farming Life :Episode 4 (12 mins) and clip 3 : This Farming Life :Episode 5 (12 mins)

This is to address the situation where – for instance – one single editor has not completed the whole show. They have maybe edited a ‘package’ that is slotted into the main programme.

Eg This Farming Life, Island Medics etc.

Alternatively, three separate clips from the same programme – Eg a comedy sequence, an action sequence and a dramatic sequence from the same programme. These should not be edited together and must be as they appear in the final programme.

This applies to all categories – On Screen personality etc

Three Stills

The 18 x 9, 16 x 9 and 4 x 5 Programme Publicity Stills can be the same image or entirely different. If your entry is shortlisted, these images will be used for display and publicity.

Any images that are incorrectly sized on upload will be cropped without approval.

Judging Process

Each entry will be judged by industry experts drawn from appropriate disciplines into sub-committees responsible for specific categories. Each sub-committee will have a chair of the category judging panel. Judges will consider all submitted content, contextual notes and testimonials.

Judging will take place from mid-March and the decision of the judges will be final. In the event of a tie in any category, the Chair will have the casting vote.

Under normal circumstances awards will not be made posthumously. Entries made and judged prior to any individual’s death will be awarded as planned.

Please take care to comply with the entry requirements of each category. Be careful to follow guidance on length of submitted video material, additional written information and qualifying time period to ensure compliance.

The entries will be judged based on what entrants submit, not on the judges’ memories of the original transmission or their knowledge of the entrant’s other work.

Except when otherwise stated, the definition of ‘broadcast’ is taken to include web streaming and Video On Demand.

The judges retain the right to combine categories or not to offer an award, if there are too few entries in a category.

Should your entry be shortlisted you will be expected to provide a broadcast quality clip, for inclusion in the awards ceremony nominee compilation.

The RTS requires the rights to show excerpts from the nominated and winning shows and individuals on the night; for use on promotion of the RTS and awards; and on-screen news coverage. This includes the use of music and on screen actor, actresses and personalities.

The decisions made by the judges are final and no correspondence can be entered into as to why particular entries were not chosen for nomination.

How to Enter

[CLICK HERE](#) to create your account and enter the RTS Scotland awards

The cost of each entry is £90 (£75 + £15 VAT).

Payment can be made by card or Purchase Order. Purchase Orders must be paid within 14 days from date of invoice.

All nominees will receive a notification email.

All notifications around the awards and award ceremony will be sent to your supplied email address.

The full list of nominations will be available online by May 2023.

Support

For any general enquires contact: RTSScotland@rts.org.uk

For any technical support contact: Awards@rts.org.uk or 0207 822 2820.

We are a busy industry but try not to leave it to the last day to enter. Give your entry the attention it deserves. Complete areas with care and check spelling, as we will print the exact information you provide.

Good luck!