

Deadline for applications now
20th December 2010

Nomination Form

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Kathy Sykes, Professor of Sciences and Society,
University of Bristol



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Science Technician of the Year Award 2010

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Panel of judges:

Kathy Sykes, *Professor of Sciences and Society, University of Bristol*

Simon Quinnell, *Senior Professional Leader for Technicians, National Science Learning Centre*

Michelle McGaughey, *Chair, ASE Laboratory Technicians Committee*

Murray Hudson, *Sales and Marketing Director, Gratnells Ltd*

Instructions for completing this Nomination Form

Entry to the Awards is open to Science Technicians in secondary schools, colleges and academies for students up to 18 years of age. Nominees should be Science Technicians with at least two years of experience, either in full or part-time employment. Nominations must be made by the Head of Department, Head Teacher or equivalent status. The closing date for all entries is now **Monday, 20th December, 2010 (new extended deadline)**. Short-listed entrants will be informed by post, telephone and/or email, and details of the Awards Ceremony will be given as soon as venue and times are confirmed. The judges may require site visits to short-listed entrants.

Nominator details

Name of Nominator _____

Position of Nominator in school/college/academy _____

Name of school/college/academy _____

Address of school/college/academy _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

The school/college/academy is: Maintained Independent Sixth Form College

Other (*please specify*) _____ Age range taught: 11 - 16 11 - 18 16 - 18

Number of Students: _____ Gender of Students: Boys Girls Mixed

Nominee details

Name of Nominee _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____

Home address of Nominee _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Length of time as Science Technician _____ Full-time Part-time Term-time only

Length of time at current school/college/academy _____

Your nomination: please read carefully

Please give the reasons for the nominee to be worthy of the **Science Technician of the Year Award 2010**, using the criteria shown in each heading – *as a guide only* – if and where applicable. **All nominations will be judged on their own merit and no exclusions will be made if criteria are not met.** If you need more space, please use a separate sheet of paper. Any supporting documentation should also be enclosed with this form when you return it to us.

G Good organisational skills: The nominee is thorough and meticulous in the preparation of the resources for practical lessons, and will ensure that all equipment is in working order. On return, the resources are replenished/replaced/repared as necessary and all reported faults noted. The nominee maintains equipment, keeps records of departmental stock and reports shortfalls to the Head of Department.

R Reliability: The nominee can be relied upon to carry out the duties of a Science Technician at all times. The nominee can be trusted to deal with all categories of the role of Science Technician, including general administrative duties, in a way which inspires confidence in both teachers and students.

A Attitude: The nominee possesses a high level of enthusiasm for working with teachers and students. The nominee has a proactive attitude towards managing the laboratory/laboratories, prep-rooms and stores, taking a positive approach to making the science department more efficient. Occasionally nominees may work beyond their regular hours when special preparations for lessons/open evening are required. *(NB: Extra working hours are not an essential part of the criteria, and those nominees who do not do this will not be excluded from entry.)*

T Teaching: The nominee provides his or her expertise when appropriate, e.g. assisting student non-specialist and newly qualified teachers. The nominee appreciates the different learning abilities of students and adapts his or her approach to the preparation of resources and supply of equipment accordingly.

N Neatness and professionalism: The nominee understands the importance of efficiency in presenting a professional approach in the science prep-room, laboratory and classroom. The nominee acknowledges the need for precision with regard to health and safety in all aspects of the job. The nominee ensures that the storage of science equipment is undertaken in a neat and safe manner, thereby ensuring the effectiveness of the Science Department.

E **Enterprising:** The nominee is proactive in examining new ways to make the department more efficient. The nominee seeks out new opportunities to enhance his or her job description, perhaps developing skills in demonstrating techniques to students and assisting with student-based investigations (this may or may not be in the classroom). The nominee may trial new experiments before they are presented to students producing sample results.

L **Leadership:** The nominee demonstrates traits of good leadership by supporting the teachers and students in all aspects of the Science Technician role. The nominee is proactive in liaising with academic staff to discuss timetables, equipment requirements and work plans. The nominee, where appropriate, supervises the work of other staff and is a visible part of the science team when parent evenings, open days or other relevant school activities are held.

L **Learning:** The nominee is proactive in developing a broad range of skills and abilities that will benefit his or her role and contribute to the overall success of the science department. Such skills may include – but are not limited to – health and safety topics, risk assessment, ICT, management and planning, and continuing professional development in science/technology-based subjects.

S **Supportive:** The nominee recognises the value of teamwork and provides a high level of support and assistance at all times. This may include support in the classroom to both students and teachers.

Please return this Nomination Form, along with any other supporting documentation, to:
Science Technician of the Year Award 2010,
Gratnells, 8 Howard Way, Harlow, Essex CM20 2SU
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Terms of entry

The decision of the judges is final. The judges retain the right to disqualify any incomplete application. At all times the use of any information provided shall be strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Act. All short listed nominees will be notified by letter, email and/or follow up phone call. By entering the **Gratnells Science Technician of the Year Award 2010**, you, the nominee and the school/college/academy agree to participate in any publicity relating to the Award, including the printing of the names of the nominator, nominee and the school/college/academy, along with any accompanying photographs, in local newspapers and other related publicity material. Acceptance of the award also means that you agree to publicise the **Gratnells Science Technician of the Year Award 2010** in any publicity material originated by the school and to parents, school governors and the local community. To confirm that you have read and acknowledged the above Terms of entry, please sign below:

Signature _____ Date _____



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