



## PLASA Awards for Innovation 2019

### Rules of Entry

1. Entry to the PLASA Awards for Innovation, including the Sustainability Award, is available only to Contracted Exhibitors of PLASA Show 2019.
2. Products can be entered directly by the manufacturer or, with the manufacturer's permission, by an officially appointed representative exhibitor (i.e. a distributor or dealer).
3. Nominated products must have been launched after PLASA Show 2018. Products displayed at last year's PLASA Show (unless in prototype form) are not eligible for entry.
4. To qualify, each entry must satisfy the chairman of judges that it meets the PLASA Awards criteria for Innovation, clearly showing that it does at least one of the following:
  - a. *demonstrates a new style of thinking.*
  - b. *improves technical practice*
  - c. *introduces new technology, new materials or new techniques*
  - d. *includes patents or unique intellectual property*
  - e. *offers a new commercial advantage*
  - f. *improves safety*
5. Each nominated product will also be considered for the Sustainability Award. For this Award, Judges will be looking for products which demonstrate at least one of the following:
  - a. *Significant reduction of power usage for its product type/application*
  - b. *Effective use of renewable energy sources*
  - c. *Significant reduction of environmental impact of product lifecycle*
6. Each nominated product must carry a CE mark if intended for sale in the European Union. Products intended solely for sale in other markets do not require a CE mark, but must not be powered up at the PLASA Show.
7. Nominees must supply, in full, all of the information detailed in the entry form.

*This information will be made available to the Awards Judges and is your chance to promote the innovative aspects of the product to the judging panel: it is essential that time is taken to clearly convey the Innovative qualities of the product at this stage.*
8. The entry fee for each nomination is £400 + VAT (20%). All entries will be acknowledged and a VAT invoice issued upon request. This will cover all admin, judging expenses and power \* for the product on the innovation gallery. There is an optional charge of £80 for a professional video of your product presentation (this will be filmed separately from the presentation to the PLASA Awards judges).
9. All successful nominees will make a 5-minute presentation to a panel of judges who will visit their stand during the Sunday of the Show (15 September 2019)\*\*. A suitable person must be made available to make the presentation at the allotted time. Time slots for the judges' visits will be allocated once the product has been vetted by the chairman of judges and successfully admitted to the PLASA Awards for Innovation.
10. PLASA reserves the right to disqualify any product for non-compliance with the competition criteria.
11. All nominees accept that the judges' decision is final.

\* A 13 amp UK mains supply is provided – additional power should be organised in advance, and must be paid for by the entrant. The entrant is responsible for supplying a converter to UK mains.

\*\* While we do try to visit every nominee, a short-listing process may be used, depending on the number of entries received, in which case all entries will be previewed by the judges and only those subsequently short-listed will receive a visit from the judges during the show itself.