

Celebrating the best of innovation, collaboration and connectivity across the Midlands

Thirty-four outstanding life sciences and medtech companies and industry collaborations from across the Midlands have been shortlisted in this year's Medilink Midlands Business Awards.

Celebrating Medilink Midlands' 20th anniversary, the Business Awards are set to be bigger than ever as they continue to provide the perfect platform to showcase the life sciences and medtech sectors within the Midlands.

With an area boasting the largest number of medtech firms in the UK, supporting over 33,000 jobs, and seven medical schools educating over a fifth of the UK's medical students, the Midlands provides ideal opportunities for collaboration and innovation. The Awards were created to highlight this and celebrate the outstanding work being undertaken in the region.

Melanie Davidson, Chief Executive of Medilink Midlands, says: "The standard of entries this year has been exceptional, with a record number of submissions received. Our independent judging panel has been truly impressed by the excellence of Midlands life science companies and the level of innovation demonstrated by our entrants. Medilink Midlands has provided specialist innovation and business support for over twenty years to help life sciences and healthcare businesses access support, creating clusters and developing ecosystems to help life sciences and med tech businesses establish, develop and grow here in the Midlands. We want to celebrate this landmark occasion with an evening to remember."

Medilink Midlands has announced that it will be awarding a £5k prize to the 'winner of winners', which will be announced on the night.

Of the nine categories, and helping to provide the support and framework to help drive businesses to become and be more environmentally aware, Medilink Midlands has, this year, introduced a Sustainability Award, sponsored by patrons, Mills & Reeve LLP.

Applications for the 2024 awards have been reviewed by an independent and expert panel of judges, including representatives from the award sponsors. Winners from across the Midlands will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony and black-tie dinner to be held at Athena, Leicester on 9 May 2024.

Winning organisations from seven of the categories will be automatically entered into the Medilink UK National Awards, taking place on 11 July 2024 in London.

The full line-up of finalists in the nine categories for 2024 is:

Advances in Digital Healthcare (sponsored by Shakespeare Martineau)

- Black Space Technology Ltd
- Blüm Health
- Emerging Markets Quality Trials (eMQT)
- iethico Ltd
- Select Research Ltd

Delivering Innovation in Health and Care (sponsored by HORIBA)

- Cytecom Ltd
- iethico Ltd
- Informed Genomics Ltd
- MICA Biosystems
- VUIT Data Labs Ltd

Export Achievement

- Addfield Environmental Systems Ltd
- BioCare Ltd
- Cellomatics Biosciences Ltd
- Salts Healthcare

Innovation (sponsored by TBAT Innovation)

- Ademen Ltd
- Bioxhale Ltd
- Eureka Inventions Ltd

- Guardtech Group
- Neurotherapeutics Ltd

One to Watch (selected by Medilink Midlands' independent judging panel)

- Ademen Ltd
- Black Space Technology Ltd
- MICA Biosystems
- Neurotherapeutics Ltd
- Sanera Innovations Ltd

Outstanding Achievement (sponsored by Charnwood Campus and CPW)

- Clinitouch by Spirit Health
- Neurotherapeutics Ltd
- Upperton Pharma Solutions

Partnership between Academia and Business (sponsored by Arise Innovation Hubs and the Medical Technology Research Centre of Anglia Ruskin University)

- City of Glasgow College (Faculty of Education and Humanities) and i3 Simulations
- Faculty of Science/School of Psychology University of Nottingham (UoN) and Neurotherapeutics
- Healthcare Technologies Institute (HTI), School of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, University of Birmingham (UoB) and Salts Healthcare
- Nottingham Trent University and Medical Technologies Innovation Facility
- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust and Telea

Start-Up

- ChangeXtra
- ExpHand Prosthetics
- MESOX
- Moti Me Ltd
- The Essential Baby Co in the Community CIC
- VUIT Data Labs Ltd

Sustainability (sponsored by Mills & Reeve LLP)

- iethico Ltd
- PBS Innovations trading as The Social Architex

- Pennine Healthcare
- Zanzo Facilities Management

The Awards will be hosted by Medilink Midlands' Entrepreneur in Residence and CEO of Medtech Makers Lab, Dr Christian Kumar. Of the event, he says: "I am thrilled to be hosting such an entertaining and inspirational evening and am looking forward to celebrating the achievements and advances of the thriving life sciences sector in the Midlands region."

Tickets for the event are <u>available here</u> on a first-come, first-served basis. Discounts are available to Medilink Midlands members and tickets can be purchased on an individual basis or per table.

Medilink Midlands is the Midlands life sciences industry association with a vision to stimulate the growth of the Midlands life science sector by helping companies establish, develop, and grow.

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