

Oracle Award Program Excellence Awards 2022

OFFICIAL RULES - STANDARD

By participating in this Oracle Award Program as a Nominee or Nominating Party, you agree to comply with all the terms and conditions below. If you do not agree with all of these terms and conditions or the terms contained within the nomination form, do not participate in this awards program and do not submit a nomination form.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The **Excellence Awards** (“Awards”) are to recognize the customers who have put forth extraordinary efforts to transform their businesses by leveraging Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI). This includes Autonomous Database, Oracle Analytics, and other products running on OCI).

AWARD PERIOD

All times are Pacific Time based on the time zone set in the electronic system used to process and time stamp Awards submissions. The Awards Period is February 1 at 10:01 AM PT to Oct 31 and is comprised of 3 periods:

- The **Nomination Period** begins on February 1 at 10:01 AM PT and ends on May 2 at 11:59PM PT.
- The **Judging Period** opens May 23 and closes on June 30.
- **Winners will be announced** in October 2022.
- For the winners' names, go to <https://www.oracle.com/cloud/excellence-awards/> on or about Oct 31, 2022. A link to the results will be provided on the main index page. The Winner List will be available for a period of at least ninety (90) days thereafter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each Nominee or Nominating Party is responsible for determining the corresponding time zone in her/his/their respective geographical location.

ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINATING PARTIES AND NOMINEES

Candidates may be submitted by self-nomination or nomination by other parties (customers, partners, Oracle employees, etc.) via the nomination process. All submissions must meet the following criteria:

- Nominations must be submitted by the deadlines as listed above. Late submissions are automatically disqualified;
- The Oracle award is open to Oracle customer organizations, partner organizations, Individual CIOs and Cloud Architects only;
- Specific Award Criteria: Oracle Excellence Awards are presented to organizations that use Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (includes Autonomous Database, Oracle Analytics, and other products running on OCI) and highlight the individuals and organizations that contributed to the win;
- Individual or entity/organization must meet criteria of the specified award in addition to all of the following criteria:
 - No Individual may be nominated, become a finalist for an individual award, be highlighted or designated to accept an award on behalf of an organization, if they are not **18 years or older**;
 - Oracle customers, partners, or community members must be **in good standing with Oracle** at the time of submission and announcement of finalists/winners;
 - **Residents of the following** are not eligible to participate as Nominees: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Crimea Region of Ukraine, Venezuela, Russia, Belarus, and any country or region under US embargo during the Awards Period;
 - Persons in any of the following categories are **not eligible to participate as Nominees**:
 - (a) **employees or agents of Oracle** (Sponsor) **and** its parent, affiliate and subsidiary companies (collectively “Sponsor”), or of Sponsor's participating advertising and promotion agencies, and prize suppliers;

- (b) **immediate family members** (defined as parents, children, siblings and spouse, regardless of where they reside) and/or those living in the same household as any person in (a) above;
- (c) nominees are not eligible to be an expert panelist or judge for the selection of finalists/winners
- (d) **competitor** to Oracle in the product or area of the related title;
- (e) employees of any company that has a **policy against and/or legally prohibits participation** in the Awards or the awarding of a prize/award/benefit to an employee; and
- (f) **employees, officers, or officials of any public sector entity**, located in the Latin America region including, but not limited to, any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any national, state, provincial or local government, or any department or agency thereof.

NOMINATION PROCESS

To nominate a candidate (a “Nominee”), including yourself, go to <https://www.oracle.com/cloud/excellence-awards/> (“Website”) and (1) fill out a nomination form for an Award. Enter Nominee’s name and nomination details, complete the form, and agree to the terms and conditions. As part of the Nomination, you may elect to provide a short article that provides a detailed description or case study of the Nominee’s accomplishments.

Alternative methods of nomination are not accepted. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Nominations submitted after deadline will not be considered.

Each submission, including any article, case study or other supplemental material, will be considered one Nomination. Nominations, including case studies or articles, **must be in English**. You may submit multiple Nominations in multiple categories for separate individuals or stories/projects. Subject to all of the other terms in these Official Rules, you may receive assistance from others in developing your Nominations. Nominations may not contain:

- Proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information (dollar value of deal, business issues they are trying to solve, proprietary or sensitive details of customer’s configuration or if publically shared may cause negative business impact, etc.) when answering the questions related to the project, solution, or effort of the nominee.
- Trade secrets or other information that is inappropriate to share with the general public.
- Copyrighted materials (whether registered or unregistered) that are owned by third-parties, without permission from the copyright owner(s).
- Trademarks owned by parties other than Sponsor or the Nominee or Nominating Party submitting the Nomination (whether registered or unregistered), without permission of the trademark owner(s).
- Information that defames, misrepresents or contains disparaging remarks about Sponsor, Sponsor’s products, any person, company or product.
- Messages or images inconsistent with the Sponsor’s brand and company.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

After Nomination period closes, the submissions will be reviewed for eligibility and completion aligning with instructions on the Nomination form.

A panel of judges for each category selected by Sponsor will review all qualifying Nominations.

Criteria used by the panel judges to determine the finalists is based on the defined eligibility criteria for the award, and is not limited to usage of Oracle products. Other important factors include alignment of the customer story to the award categories and their descriptions as outlined below.

The Awards recognize contributions in 10 categories:

Business Transformation Award

This award recognizes organizations who have created value by leveraging Oracle Cloud Infrastructure in unique ways to achieve business benefits, such as increased organizational performance, accelerated time to value, reduced IT operation costs, and enhanced end-user productivity.

Cloud Architect of the Year Award

Oracle recognizes architects who have demonstrated their deep knowledge of Oracle's cloud offering and have delivered clear, executable strategies that resulted in successful cloud deployments.

CIO of the Year Award

Oracle recognizes industry leaders whose IT vision and execution create sustained business value for their organizations and customers. By leveraging Oracle Cloud Infrastructure in innovative ways, these CIOs have increased organizational performance, accelerated time to value, reduced the cost of IT operations, and enhanced end-user productivity.

Data Analytics Leader of the Year Award

Oracle recognizes line-of-business or IT leaders who leverage the capabilities of Oracle's data warehouse, lakehouse, and analytics solutions to accelerate responsiveness to market opportunities, and enable collaboration around a single source of truth.

Autonomous Database Leader Award

Oracle recognizes leaders who have successfully implemented Autonomous Database running on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. This includes Oracle Autonomous Transaction Processing (ATP), Oracle Autonomous Data Warehouse (ADW) and analytics, and mixed workloads. Implementing both ATP and ADW is a remarkable achievement, reflecting a commitment to modernization and the reduction of human error.

Cloud Security Champion Award

In a world of ever-increasing security risks, Oracle recognizes the companies that best use Oracle Cloud Infrastructure to protect and secure both their customers' data and their own.

Application Modernization Award

Oracle honors organizations who successfully deployed a variety of both Oracle and non-Oracle applications. These deployments minimized the need for re-architecture or reintegration and delivered higher performance at lower cost than alternatives.

Eureka Award

This award recognizes an outstanding member of the Oracle for Research program who leveraged the capabilities of Oracle Cloud to drive impactful change on a global scale. This program aims to encourage and enable the work of researchers by putting the power of Oracle Cloud in their hands.

Game Changer Tech Service Delivery Partner of the Year

This award is given to Oracle Partner Network tech service delivery partners who demonstrate repeated success in implementing innovative solutions and workloads onto Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. We salute their relentless drive to achieve desired customer business outcomes.

Visionary ISV Partner of the Year Award

This award goes to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) ISV partners whose solutions on OCI (including SaaS and Oracle Cloud application integration solutions hosted on OCI) have made a significant impact on end customer business. These partners have established a new benchmark for quality of delivery and customer experience through innovations such as speed of transformation, reduced cost, and seamless enablement.

Potential finalists/winners will be confidentially informed according to the Award Period noted above. Winners will be announced according to the Award Period schedule noted above.

When Sponsor notifies potential finalists/winner(s), each potential finalist/winner will be required to sign a legal affidavit of eligibility to receive the Award and release forms granting permission for Sponsor to announce the finalist/winner and reference finalist/winner as a customer of Sponsor in Sponsor's marketing materials. A Nominee will not be announced as an award finalist/winner without successful completion of the affidavit and release forms. If Sponsor is unable to reach a potential finalist/winner, or if the affidavit and release forms are not properly completed and returned to Sponsor, or if an award notification is returned as non-deliverable, or if a potential finalist/winner is found not to have complied with these Official Rules in any way, the award will be forfeited and an alternate winner will be selected. Potential finalist/winner(s) will be given a deadline to respond and return the completed affidavit and release forms.

All decisions by Oracle are final. Oracle reserves the right to modify or terminate the Oracle Award promotion at any time and at its sole discretion.

AWARD WINNER BENEFITS

Each of the Category winners are based on the criteria noted in the Selection of Winners section above. **Prizes are non-monetary benefits, as recognition is the basis of the award.** Winner benefits are the following:

1. Award Trophy
2. Published announcements of winner on Oracle.com, Oracle's social hubs and related Oracle Communities, and at any Oracle event if the Awards are announced virtually or in person.
3. Potential success story on Oracle.com as well as other marketing activities (articles; press releases; blogs; video's; webcasts, etc.).

Winners are responsible for any other expenses relating to the acceptance and use of prizes. Oracle has the option, at its sole discretion, of substituting a benefit if for any reason, including scheduling, a benefit becomes unavailable. Benefits cannot be transferred, substituted, or redeemed for cash value.

Awards and benefits will be provided if a sufficient number of eligible Nominations are received, but in no event will the Sponsor award more benefits than are provided for in these Official Rules.

RELEASE/DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, BY PARTICIPATING, NOMINEES, NOMINATING PARTIES, FINALISTS, POTENTIAL WINNERS AND WINNERS ("RELEASING PARTIES") WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO CLAIM AMBIGUITY IN THE RULES, AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREE TO KEEP INDEMNIFIED AND HELD HARMLESS, SPONSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES, AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY, "RELEASED PARTIES") AT ALL TIMES FROM AND AGAINST ANY INJURIES, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, DEMANDS, COSTS OR EXPENSES OR ANY LIABILITY OF ANY KIND (A) RESULTING FROM OR ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE AWARDS OR ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE, MISUSE OR NONUSE OF PRIZE(S)/BENEFITS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; OR (B) FOR OR IN RESPECT OF WHICH RELEASED PARTIES WILL OR MAY BECOME LIABLE BY REASON OF OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO ANY ACT, DEFAULT, OMISSION, BREACH OR NON-OBSERVANCE, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR OTHERWISE, BY A RELEASING PARTY UNDER THESE OFFICIAL RULES.

DATA PRIVACY

For the purposes of running Oracle Awards, we collect, use, disclose, transfer, process, and store personal data of both the nominator and the nominee needed to conduct award nominations, judge submissions, contact nominees to review stories, award, publicize finalists/winners and related activities. Oracle does not ask for any sensitive personal data or confidential information. Oracle will process personal information of nominators and nominees in accordance with the Oracle General Privacy Policy (<https://www.oracle.com/legal/privacy/privacy-policy.html>). Sponsor may use and share a Nominee or Nominating Party's personal data with third parties to the extent necessary to fulfill its obligation to administer and sponsor the Awards.

SEVERABILITY

If any provision(s) of these Official Rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect.

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