

Oracle Awards Program
Oracle Excellence Awards
OFFICIAL RULES — STANDARD

By participating in this Oracle Awards 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.

AWARDS 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).

AWARDS PERIOD

All times are Pacific Time based on the time zone set in the electronic system used to process and time stamp Oracle Awards submissions. The Awards Period is June 14, 2023 to September 30, 2023 and is comprised of 3 periods:

- The **Nomination Period** begins on June 14, 2023, 12:00 a.m. and ends on Jul 26, 2023, 11:59 p.m.
- The **Judging Period** opens July 31, 2023, 12:00 a.m. and closes on Aug 4, 2023, 11:59 p.m.
- **Winners will be announced** in September, 2023
- To view the winners' names, go to <https://www.oracle.com/cloud/excellence-awards/> on or about September 15, 2023. 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 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 official nomination form. All submissions must meet the following criteria:

- Nominations must be submitted by the deadlines as listed above. Late submissions are automatically disqualified;
- These Oracle Awards are open to either individuals or entities/organizations as indicated in the specific criteria for each award listed below and under Award Categories and Selection of Winners;
- Awards criteria: Nominations will be judged based on how closely they align to the description of the award category selected by the submitter, the completeness of the information, and the quality of the responses;
- Each 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 be designated to accept an award on behalf of an organization, if they are not **18 years or older**;
 - Oracle customers 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:** any country or region under US trade restriction or embargo, currently **Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea region, and all Russian controlled areas of Ukraine**. While not under U.S. embargo, Oracle has a corporate policy of not transacting with Belarus, Russia, and Venezuela;
 - 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 the “Sponsor”), or of the 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) expert panelists or judges for the selection of the Awards 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 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, the Nominee or Nominating Party must go to <https://www.oracle.com/cloud/excellence-awards/> and 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 the 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 (including details such as dollar value of deal, proprietary or sensitive details of customer’s configuration or business issues they are trying to solve if publicly 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 the 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 the Sponsor, Sponsor’s products, and any person, company or product.
- Messages or images inconsistent with the Sponsor’s brand and company.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND SELECTION OF WINNERS

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

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

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

The Oracle Excellence Awards recognize contributions in 9 categories:

1.Data center migration and transformation

Oracle honors organizations which transformed their data center operations with Oracle Cloud across a variety of both Oracle and non-Oracle applications. Often this includes exiting a data center and limited the need for application rearchitecture. These deployments delivered higher performance at lower cost than alternatives.

2.Application migration and modernization

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

3.Innovating with data

Oracle honors organizations who changed their products, services, or processes by using their data in new ways. These deployments use Oracle Cloud to derive new value for the business from new or existing data.

4.Business innovation with AI/ML

Oracle honors organizations who transform their products or services with artificial intelligence or machine learning (AI / ML) solutions on Oracle Cloud. These solutions enable the business to provide new solutions for their customers, create new value for their business, or meaningfully enhance and transform existing activities.

5.New product or service innovation

This award recognizes organizations who have created value by leveraging Oracle Cloud Infrastructure in unique ways to achieve business benefits, such as new product or service introduction, increased organizational performance, accelerated time to value (CUT, but could include: reduced IT operation costs, and enhanced end user productivity)

6.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 unique ways, these CIOs have increased organizational performance, accelerated time to value, reduced the cost of IT operations, and enhanced end user productivity.

7.Cloud Architect of the Year Award

Oracle presents this award to architects who have delivered clear, executable strategies that resulted in successful and impactful cloud deployments on Oracle Cloud.

8.Cloud Security Champion Award

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

9.Eureka Award

With Oracle for Research, researchers in academic, commercial, and governmental settings, across all disciplines, are exploring novel ways to achieve ground-breaking results to make the world a better place. This award recognizes an outstanding member of the Oracle for Research community who leveraged the capabilities of Oracle Cloud to drive impactful research on a global scale.

10. The Gaia Award for Excellence in Sustainability

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 the 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 the Sponsor to announce the finalist/winner and reference finalist/winner as a customer of the 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 the Sponsor is unable to reach a potential finalist/winner, or if the affidavit and release forms are not properly completed and returned to the Sponsor by the date requested,

or if an award notification is returned as undeliverable, 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 Awards promotion at any time and at its sole discretion.

AWARDS 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 awards.** Winner benefits are the following:

1. Award trophy
2. Published announcements of each winner on Oracle.com, Oracle's social hubs and related Oracle communities, and at any Oracle event whether the awards are announced virtually or in person.
3. Featured case study on Oracle.com; articles; press releases; blogs;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 a benefit becomes unavailable, including scheduling or availability. 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, the 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 Nominating Party 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 Nominating Party and Nominees in accordance with the Oracle General Privacy Policy (<https://www.oracle.com/legal/privacy/privacy-policy.html>). The 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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