For our new **Industry Ambassador of the Year Awards**, we are looking for individuals who have led and been involved in significant activity during the year and who have had a real impact on young people and teachers, and/or on their colleagues or companies. Applicants who progress through the selection process will be invited to attend an interview panel and attend the Industry Ambassador of the Year Awards Ceremony, which will be held on 4th December 2023.

**The Ambassador of the Year Awards**

There will be two awards presented this year: one from an industry ambassador from a SIP member company, and one from our other industry partners. The application process is the same for both categories.

Below you will find specific guidance and the application form for the awards.

On each question please be as clear and concise as possible as we will be looking at the quality and depth of the nominee’s submission. Nominations should only include information and details of activities that have occurred between **1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023**.

*Please note: Applicants must be registered with Cogent/SIP as an Ambassador and be a registered STEM Ambassador.*

**Award Process**

* Please email your completed nomination form **by 17:00 on 18th September 2023 to Kate Hutchins – kate.hutchins@cogentskills.com**
* Shortlisted finalists will be notified **by 2nd October** to attend a virtual panel interview.
* The virtual panel interview will take place **w/c 16th October 2023**
* Finalists will also be required to complete a separate interview film, completed virtually, for use at the Industry Ambassador of the Year Awards Ceremony. These videos may also be used for sector promotion of careers.
* The result of the panel interviews will remain confidential, and the shortlisted finalists will be invited with a guest to attend the in-person awards event in London on **4th December 2023**, when the winners will be announced.

**Award Guidance**

We are looking for individuals who have led and been involved with significant activity during the year and who have had a real impact on young people and teachers, and/or on their colleagues or companies. Please give evidence of how you have shown outstanding commitment as an Industry Ambassador.

We are specifically looking for examples and activities between **1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023** to be eligible activities for this year’s award.

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1. **What types of activities have you completed between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023?**

*Use this section to give us an overview of the types of activities you have done, whether they were in one school or a range of schools (or other locations), and what age groups you worked with. Working with one school in a sustained way is just as valid as working with a wide range of schools. If relevant, include additional activities, for example, additional training, sharing with others, supporting networking events, supporting other Ambassadors, and developing a team of Industry Ambassadors in a company.*

1. **How many hours have you logged on to your STEM account between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023?**

*Please ensure that your STEM and SIP accounts are linked to ensure all your activity is captured. Instructions for this can be downloaded from* [*here.*](https://cogentskills.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/STEM-account.docx)

1. **Please tell us about one outstanding achievement between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023**

*We are looking for individuals who have led and been involved with significant activity during the year and who have had a real impact on young people and teachers, and/or on their colleagues or companies. This should be above and beyond your normal work.*

1. **What was the impact of your activities on others between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023?**  
   *We’re keen to know what impact your contributions above have had on young people, teachers and/or colleagues and companies. This could include testimonials and feedback from people who have been involved in your SIP activity.*
2. **Any additional information or supporting documentation.**

*Please note: any supporting documents (e.g. testimonials, feedback) you submit for this section will not count towards your word limit and can be attached to your submission email as appendices.*

1. **Supporting statement from your employer**

*Please obtain a supporting endorsement for your application from your employer in this section.*

**Application Form**

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| Name |  | |
| Contact details | T. | E. |
| Organisation name |  | |
| By providing this personal information you are agreeing to its use by Cogent Skills. The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of the Awards process, contacting you about the Awards and promotion of the Awards thereafter by Cogent. For the purpose of the Data Protection Act 1998 Cogent are joint data controllers. We are registered in England and Wales under, respectively, company numbers 06423637 and 04549516.  Full details can be found at: https://www.cogentskills.com | | |
| What types of activities have you completed between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023?  500 words max |  | |
| How many hours have you logged on your STEM account between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023? |  | |
| Please tell us about one outstanding achievement between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023  500 words max |  | |
| What was the impact of your activities on others between 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023?  500 words max |  | |
| Please provide any additional information or supporting  documentation.  You may append additional information where relevant. |  | |
| Signed: |  | |
| Date: |  | |

Employers Supporting Statement

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| Please tell us why this you believe this Industry Ambassador should be considered for these awards? | |
| Signed: |  |
| Date: |  |