ENTRY CRITERIA

The Banker's Technology Awards recognise the most innovative banks across the world for their digital banking initiatives in multiple categories.

The judges, made up of an external panel, will be looking for digital initiatives that demonstrate innovation, utility and transformation.

The size is not important and The Banker welcomes entries from organisations all over the world.

Measurements of success, i.e. metrics, are critical components of any submission.

The global and regional categories are available to enter for fully licensed banking institutions.

Any party – for example a bank, consultancy, industry body, professional services organisation or technology provider – that has worked on the initiative may submit an entry for the project categories.

Project entries must mention if there were other parties involved in the project.

Initiatives must be live within a bank whether retail, commercial, private, wholesale, investment or transaction bank.

Or, if an industry-wide initiative, it must include banks or benefit the banking community.

Information from the winning entries will be included in the awards write-up for the June issue of The Banker.

HOW TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

Entry forms should be completed and submitted by Monday, March 2, 2026.

The completed entry form should be saved, in Word or pdf format, with a file name of Organisation_Category e.g. Bank-Name_Mobile.doc

Multiple entries should be sent on separate entry forms. Please email completed entry forms to: innovationdigitalbanking@ft.com

REGIONAL CATEGORIES
(Overall - global/regional awards):

Global
Africa
Asia-Pacific
Central and Eastern Europe
Europe
Latin America
Middle East
North America

PROJECT CATEGORIES
(Judged on a global basis):

AI and machine learning
Bank/fintech partnership
Cyber security
Digital assets
Financial health
Mobile
Open banking
Payments
Risk management
Transformation project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The entry period for the digital initiative runs from January 2025 to January 2026. Initiatives must have been implemented and/or completed between these dates. The final phase of a multi-phase, multi-year project may be entered, provided it has been completed between January 2025 to January 2026.

Organisations may only submit one entry form per category – please adhere to the form's format. A single initiative may NOT be submitted in multiple categories. An organisation entering more than one category (with different projects) will need to submit separate entry forms. Judges may move an entry to another award category, if appropriate.

Entrants may include graphics in the entry form and may also send additional, relevant information. Anything too lengthy, however, will be ignored and exceeding the word limit is strongly discouraged. Succinct and relevant entries will be more effective.

The judges will be looking for entries that clearly demonstrate innovation, utility and transformation.