



SCIENCE INNOVATION AWARD 2026

Checklist for Applicants

Before you enter

- ☐ I have identified the textile waste stream my innovation addresses and can provide reasonable information about its source, composition and quantity where known.
- ☐ If the waste stream is variable or difficult to quantify, I can explain what is known, what is uncertain, how I have characterised or sampled it, and any assumptions I have made.
- ☐ I have demonstrated a proof of concept appropriate to my type and stage of innovation.
- ☐ I can distinguish demonstrated results from anticipated benefits and identify what still needs to be tested or validated.
- ☐ I have considered key inputs and trade-offs, including energy, water, chemicals, additional materials, residual waste and health or safety issues where relevant.
- ☐ I can explain the intended material or waste outcome, including for data, testing, sorting or other enabling innovations.
- ☐ I have permission to enter the work, including any required approval from my employer, university, research institution, collaborators or other rights holders.
- ☐ I have identified any confidential or commercially sensitive information and considered whether public disclosure could affect patent or other IP protection.
- ☐ If my solution uses data, I can explain the source of the data, my right to use it and any relevant privacy, confidentiality or access considerations.
- ☐ My innovation is not already commercially established or widely deployed for the textile waste challenge being entered.

Your final submission

An "Innovation summary" outlining your solution. Either a digital PDF (maximum 3 A4 pages, 750 words); or a video (maximum 3 minutes), or both. Your Innovation Summary should include:

- ☐ The textile waste challenge and the problem your innovation addresses.
- ☐ Your proposed solution, how it works and what makes it innovative.
- ☐ How your solution could reduce textile waste, retain material value or enable circular material use.
- ☐ Any significant resource inputs, residual waste and potential environmental trade-offs.
- ☐ Your demonstrated proof of concept and the scientific or technical evidence supporting it, such as test results, technical data, photographs, diagrams or evidence of a functioning process or technology.
- ☐ The intended application, future development potential and next steps required to validate or scale your innovation.