Bio-IT World 2026 Innovative Practices Awards

**Celebrating Excellence in Innovation**

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***The deadline for entry is March 2, 2026, and the $300 application fee will be waived for entrants who meet the early submission deadline of January 30, 2026.***

Bio-IT World has held a best practices award since 2003, highlighting outstanding examples of technology innovation in the life sciences. This year we launch the Bio-IT World Innovative Practices Awards, a program designed to recognize partnerships and projects pushing our industry forward. The Innovative Practices Awards strive to highlight strategies that can be widely shared and implemented across the industry to improve the quality, pace, and reach of our science. Winners will be announced in a plenary session at Bio-IT World Conference & Expo, Boston and Virtual, May 19-21, 2026. **The final deadline for entry is March 2, 2026.**
To view previous winners, visit [Bio-ITWorld.com/Award](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ctomc%5CDownloads%5CBio-ITWorld.com%5Cinnovativepractices).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Review criteria for entry and authorization statement (below).
2. Review the tips for entry, provided by the judges.
3. Fully complete the entry form (sections 2-5 are **mandatory** for consideration).
4. Process entry fee
	* + There is a $300 fee for completed entries submitted after the March 2, 2026, deadline. Companies should email Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director (aproffitt@healthtech.com) to arrange payment.
		+ Note: Government and academic institutions, or other organizations that might have difficulty paying the entry fee, should contact Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director (aproffitt@healthtech.com) to discuss a potential waiver.
5. Submit your completed entry by forwarding the Word version of the Entry Form to Bio-IT World
Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director (aproffitt@healthtech.com), along with any supporting documentation.

**Entry Criteria**

* The work for which recognition is sought must have been done in the last two years and be substantially complete.
* Nominations are open to R&D and scientific facilities and labs in pharmaceutical companies, biotech companies, academia, government, medical or related institutions and organizations, as well as public and private research organizations.
* Early submission deadline (no fee) is **January 30, 2026**.
* Final deadline for entry submission is **March 2, 2026.**

**Entry Categories:** Entries may be submitted in one of the following categories with appropriate topics including, but not limited to:

* Clinical & Health-IT: Trial design, eCTD, EDC, ePrescribing, RHIOs, EMR/PHR
* IT infrastructure/HPC: High Performance Computing, storage, Cloud technologies
* Informatics: LIMS, data visualization, imaging technologies, NGS analysis
* Knowledge Management: Data mining, idea/expertise mining, text mining, collaboration, resource optimization
* Research & Drug Discovery: Disease pathway research, applied and basic research, compound-focused research, drug safety
* Personalized & Translational Medicine: Responders/non-responders, biomarkers, Feedback loops, predictive technologies

(Bio-IT World *reserves the right to re-categorize submissions based on submission or in the event that a category is refined. Awards may not be named according to category.*)

**Authorization**

Upon submission of this nomination, you grant *Bio-IT World* the use of any photos, video or product/company information gained as a result of this process, without further permission. A minimum number of entries is required in order for a winner to be named. Entries after the deadline will not be guaranteed for consideration. All entries become property of *Bio-IT World*. Copyright Healthtech Publishing 2026.

### ENTRY TIPS FROM THE JUDGES

*Bio-IT World*has received and processed hundreds of entries since we first held the competition in 2003. Our experience has led to the following checklist of “do’s & don’ts” that will help you avoid simple mistakes or omissions that could detract from the quality of your entry.

**Do**

* Submit a **Project** not a **Product.**
* Describe the problem addressed and its importance
* List relevant technologies/products used on the project
* Quantify key **user results** *and* the **ROI** associated with the project (e.g. man-hours or $ saved; new capabilities)
* Quantify the resources expended (hours, personnel, $)
* Explain broader impact on the life science community/biopharma industry

**Don’t**

* **Enter promotional “brochure-ware” or rewrite press releases**
* Make vague, unsupported qualitative claims
* Emphasize **product features** over **project results**—integrate the two
* Forget to clearly identify positive results/benefits!

**ENTRY FORM**

Direct questions about entry criteria/process to:

 **Allison Proffitt,** Editorial Director, aproffitt@healthtech.com

**Please email completed entry to:**

Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director (aproffitt@healthtech.com)
**Subject: 2026 Innovative Practices Entry**

 **Deadline:** March 2, 2026

1. **Nominating Organization** (Fill this out only if you are nominating a partner group.)

**A. Nominating Organization**

Organization name:

Address:

**B. Nominating Contact Person**

Name:

Title:

Tel:

Email:

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1. **User Organization** (Organization at which the solution was deployed/applied)
2. **User Organization**

Organization name:

Address:

1. **User Organization Contact Person**

Name:

Title:

Tel:

Email:

**3. Project**

Project title:

Team Leader:

Contact details if different from above:

Team members – name(s), title(s) and company (optional):

**4. Category in which entry is being submitted (1 category per entry, highlight your choice)**

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**5. Description of project (4 FIGURES MAXIMUM):**

1. **ABSTRACT/SUMMARY** of the project and results (150 words max.)
2. **INTRODUCTION**/background/objectives
3. **RESULTS** (highlight major R&D/IT tools deployed; innovative uses of technology).
4. **ROI** achieved or expected (200 words max.):
5. **CONCLUSIONS**/implications for the field.

**6. REFERENCES**/testimonials/supporting internal documents **(If necessary; 5 pages max.)**