

Context

The Audio & Radio Industry Awards are organised by The Radio Academy, the industry charity focused on the promotion of excellence in audio and radio. The awards are judged by Members of The Radio Academy who have reached senior positions and have long experience in audio, with winners selected from more than 1,000 entries in 27 categories.

Judges are organised into judging panels, which range in size from 8 to 15 people per category, depending on the number of entries submitted. Each panel is chaired by a Head Judge, who is a Fellow or Trustee of the Radio Academy. We aim for our group of judges to be representative of the sector and the UK population at large.

Judges listen to all entries in their allocated category, score them anonymously, and then meet to determine the medal winners. Judges will normally listen to 30-40 entries, at 15-20mins length each.

Main Duties of an ARIAS Judge

- To attend a briefing meeting with your Head Judge at the start of the process.
- To listen to all entries in your allocated category, and read all submissions, via our online judging platform.
- To anonymously score all entries in four criteria, before the scoring deadline set for your allocated category.
- To attend an online jury meeting, chaired by the Head Judge, to decide the medal winners in your allocated category.
- To maintain the confidentiality of the jury meeting. You may share that you are an ARIAS judge, but should not disclose in which category.
- To carry out your judging duties in the spirit of fair competition, giving equal consideration to all entries, and declaring any conflicts of interest during the process.

Particulars

- The listening and scoring period will be 14 February to 4 March 2024.
- The jury meetings will likely be held in the week beginning 11 March 2024.

Required skills and experience

- An active membership of The Radio Academy.
- Significant experience of participating in the UK radio and audio sector (this is likely a minimum of five years).

Recognition

- Judging is a voluntary commitment. We recognise that this is a donation of your time and experience and in acknowledgment of this, you will be invited to attend an exclusive event to announce the nominations, where you will meet other judges and mingle with our sponsors, plus an invitation to The Radio Academy ARIAS Ceremony on 7 May as a guest of The Radio Academy. This ticket is not transferable, and we will not be able to offer specific seat selection.