

CSI Mumbai Cyber Security Awards 2025

Guidelines for Rules & Regulations

1. Definitions

Awards	CSI Mumbai Cyber Security Awards (2023)
Owner of the Awards	CSI Mumbai Chapter
Awards Management	Personnel from the Association or appointed / engaged by CSI Mumbai Chapter who are responsible for the conduct of the Awards
Applicant	Any organization / person that sends in an application to participate in the Awards as per the rules & regulations, or is nominated by CSI Mumbai Chapter to participate in the Awards
Screening jury	A panel of subject matter experts, appointed / engaged by CSI Mumbai who will evaluate the applications
Final jury	Group of persons with subject matter expertise appointed / engaged by CSI Mumbai to select the winners
Rules	These rules and regulations governing the Awards, as amended from time to time

- These Rules & regulations, are applicable to and govern the "CSI Mumbai Cyber Security Awards (2023)" organized and conducted by CSI Mumbai Chapter.
- By participating in the Awards, Participant agrees to abide by and be bound by these Rules. These Rules & regulations may be modified without any prior notification. Participant is advised to regularly review these Rules. If there is any disagreement with any of the Rules & regulations and any amendments thereto, Participant must not participate or withdraw application from the Awards.

2. Awards Objectives

To recognize and honour Cyber Security Professionals and Organisations who have set new benchmarks and effectively used new trends to further business objectives

3. Award Categories and Definitions

	Individual Category		
SR.	AWARD NAME	DEFINITIONS	
1	Outstanding Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)	CISOs can operate in different ways, and are responsible for a myriad of different activities and technologies to combat a range of threats. Whatever the role, this category recognizes those who through security expertise, business acumen and/or skilful and innovative leadership approaches, have led the cyber security portfolio with distinction. Outstanding performers will be leaders and innovators who are setting examples that others will wish to	

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		 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the role of the CISO and the ways in which this person has led change in the organization including the cyber security impacts of any partnership approaches adopted with different stakeholders. (Up to 500 words) Provide details of the value added by the CISO and the individual's impact on the work of the department highlighting the specific leadership qualities that generated any benefits noted. (Up to 500 words)
Digital Risk	Outstanding Chief Digital Risk Officer	This award recognizes the Cyber Chief Digital Risk Officer—individual, team or company—demonstrating outstanding performance in any aspect of security consulting. Chief Digital Risk Officer often play a key role in security in offering expertise and insight which can transform the quality of service, product or system that is offered. It recognizes the existence of distinct skill sets and crucially the ways these are harnessed and managed to make a difference to security strategy and/or practice.
2	(CDRO/CRO)	 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the role and objectives of the chief digital risk officer and the key factors that reflect outstanding performance. (Up to 500 words) Describe how the chief digital risk officer has displayed outstanding performance in terms for example, of leadership skills, a focus on the customer, by adding value or otherwise driving excellence. (Up to 500 words)
3	Outstanding Cyber Security Professional Outstanding Woman in Cyber Security	There are many cyber security professionals working in different roles, who are neither a Young Professional or a CISO (e.g., Security Architects, IT Risk Advisors, Security Analysts, Intelligence Analysts, Investigators, Heads of Operations) and this award is focused on them. It recognizes those who through cyber security expertise, business acumen and/or skillful and innovative approaches, have contributed with distinction. Outstanding performers will be those who are setting examples that others will wish to follow.
		 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the role of the cyber security professional and the ways in which the person has led by example including the cyber security impacts of work undertaken with different stakeholders. (Up to 500 words) Provide details of the value added by the cyber security professional highlighting the specific qualities that generated any benefits noted. (Up to 500 words)
4		A thought leader who has authored research, investigations, demonstrates outstanding diligence or legislation making in the cybersecurity industry and this award is focused on them. Nominee should be a woman with a legacy and record of developing research and/or products that have changed the industry. It recognizes those who through cyber security expertise, business acumen and/or skillful and innovative approaches, have contributed with distinction. Outstanding performers will be those who are setting examples that others will wish to follow.

		To enter this category, you will be asked to:
		Describe the role of the young professional and the ways
		in which she has excelled. (Up to 500 words)
		Provide details of the value added by the Woman in Cyber
		Security highlighting the specific qualities that generated
		any benefits noted. (Up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes a young cyber security professional – that is
		anyone below the age of forty (there is no restriction on the
		number of years spent in security) – who has excelled in early
		career performance. The focus is on someone who has made an
		impact in the area of cyber security, for example as an
		analyst/researcher, working for a cyber security supplier and/or
		corporate cyber security department. This could be in any area of
	Outstanding Young	cyber security activity, as a student, in the workplace or a combination, but it will be someone who has made a difference
	Cyber Security	and is laying the basis for an outstanding career in cyber security.
5	Professional	and is raying the basis for an outstanding career in cyber security.
	Troressionar	To enter this category, you will be asked to:
		Describe the role of the young professional and the ways
		in which he/she has excelled. (Up to 500 words)
		Provide details of the value added by the young
		professional and his/her impact in specific area or areas of
		cyber security activity (inside the workplace and/or
		outside) highlighting the special qualities of the individual.
		(Up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes a person who has earned the reputation as
		an industry-recognized thought leaser within the industry. The
		focus is on someone who has made an impact in the area of cyber
		security. It recognizes those who through cyber security expertise,
		business acumen and/or skillful and innovative approaches, have
	Outstanding	contributed with distinction. Outstanding performers will be those who are setting examples that others will wish to follow.
	Personality in Cyber	who are setting examples that others will wish to follow.
6	Security	To enter this category, you will be asked to:
	•	Describe the outstanding performance done by the person
		and the ways in which he/she has excelled. (Up to 500
		words)
		Provide details of the value added by the Personality and
		his/her impact in specific area or areas of cyber security
		activity (inside the workplace and/or outside) highlighting
		the special qualities of the individual. (Up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes an influencer who should be working within
		cybersecurity. He or she may be raising the profile of cybersecurity
		internally or externally from their organization. The focus is on
		someone who has made an impact in the area of cyber security. It
		recognizes those who through cyber security expertise, business acumen and/or skillful and innovative approaches, have
	Outstanding Influencer	contributed with distinction. Outstanding performers will be those
7	in Cyber Security	who are setting examples that others will wish to follow.
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		To enter this category, you will be asked to:
		Describe influencer profile in detail and the ways in which
		he/she has excelled. (Up to 500 words)
		Provide details of the value added by the influencer and
		his/her impact in specific area or areas of cyber security
		activity (inside the workplace and/or outside) highlighting

		the special qualities of the individual. (Up to 500 words)
8	Outstanding Innovator in Cyber Security	This award recognizes an innovator who should be working within cybersecurity. He or she may be raising the profile of cybersecurity internally or externally from their organization. The focus is on someone who has made an impact in the area of cyber security. It recognizes those who through cyber security expertise, business acumen and/or skillful and innovative approaches, have contributed with distinction. Outstanding performers will be those who are setting examples that others will wish to follow. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe Innovator profile in detail and the ways in which he/she has excelled. (Up to 500 words) Provide details of the value added by the Innovator and his/her impact in specific area or areas of cyber security activity (inside the workplace and/or outside) highlighting
		the special qualities of the individual. (Up to 500 words)
	T	Company Category
1	Outstanding Cyber Security team in PSU Bank	 This award recognizes for a PSU Bank that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the PSU Bank team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in PSU Banking Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how the Cyber Security team in PSU Bank work and add value to the Bank and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
2	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Private Bank	This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in private bank that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to: • Describe the PVF team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Private Banking Sector (Up to 500 words) • Evidence how the Cyber Security team in Private Bank work and add value to the Bank and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
3	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Co- operative Bank	This award recognizes for a company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team in Co-operative Bank and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Co. Operative Banking Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how Cyber Security team in the Co-operative Bank work and add value to the Bank and the security

		industry. (Up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes for a company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths.
4	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Insurance Sector Company	 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team in the company and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as cutting-edge cyber security team in Insurance Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how the Cyber Security team in Insurance Company work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
	Outstanding Cyber	This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in the company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths.
5	Security team in Financial Services Company	 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Financial Services Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how Cyber Security team work and add value to
	Outstanding Cyber	the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words) This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in the company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths.
6	Security team in Manufacturing Sector Company	 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team in the company and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Manufacturing Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how Cyber Security team work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
7	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Government Sector/ Department	This award recognizes Cyber security team in the Government Sector Company/ Department that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in
		 Government Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how the Cyber Security team work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
8	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Healthcare Sector Company	This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in the company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to:
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	Outstanding Cubor	 Describe the Cyber Security team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Healthcare Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how the Cyber Security team work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words) This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in the company that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths.
9	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Hospitality Sector Company	 To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Healthcare Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how Cyber Security team work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
10	Outstanding Cyber Security team in Education Sector	This award recognizes for a Cyber Security team in Education Sector that demonstrates a strong team with solid leadership. The team should work effectively together and make the most of each other's strengths. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team and their distinguishing features, and any innovative aspects that enable it to be considered as a cutting-edge cyber security team in Education Sector (Up to 500 words) Evidence how Cyber Security team work and add value to the company and the security industry. (Up to 500 words)
11	Outstanding Police/Law Enforcement Initiative/Defence Sector	This award recognizes an Cyber Security team initiative from governmental bodies/that is police-led/Defense Sector that have developed a cyber security scheme that has a positive impact on a community; one that has led to an improvement in cyber security practice. To enter this category, you will be asked to: Describe the Cyber Security team initiative and its key objectives and any innovative aspects that have led to its success. (Up to 500 words) Evidence how the Cyber Security team initiative benefits its target group highlighting the role of management/partnerships in generating an effect. (Up to 500 words)
12	Outstanding Cyber Security Training/Awareness Initiative	This award recognizes individuals or companies that operate a successful training scheme and/or a security awareness initiative, which promotes outstanding performance and has produced identifiable results. There is a tendency to talk about training, upskilling and raising awareness as good things in themselves. In fact in the very least, training/awareness raising should most often be undertaken in response to an identified need, with a Programme that is suited to best meeting any gaps, that is well articulated and delivered, and results in better performance. This award looks to recognize those who have made a difference to improving any area of cyber security practice via training/awareness raising.

		To enter this category you will be asked to: • Describe the training/awareness raising initiative, highlighting its key features that were responsible for
		 delivering outstanding performance. (up to 500 words) Describe how the training/awareness raising initiative made an impact in developing outstanding cyber security
		practices in terms of adding value, improving performance or otherwise driving excellence. (up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes Cyber Security startup with outstanding performance and has produced identifiable results.
	Outstanding Startup in	To enter this category you will be asked to: • Describe key features that were responsible for delivering
13	Cyber Security	outstanding performance. (up to 500 words)
		 Describe how the startup made an impact in developing outstanding cyber Security Company in terms of adding value, improving performance or otherwise driving excellence. (up to 500 words)
		This award recognizes Cyber Security Company with its outstanding performance and has produced identifiable results
	Outstanding Unified	with its Unified Threat Management Services
	Threat Management	To enter this category you will be asked to:
14	Services	Describe key features that were responsible for delivering
		outstanding performance. (up to 500 words)Describe how the company made an impact in developing
		outstanding Unified Threat Management Services in terms
		of adding value, improving performance or otherwise driving excellence. (up to 500 words)

The Award categories may be changed / modified / split / merged / increased or cancelled by the Jury based on the number and quality of entries received in each category

In the event that no Participant in a category is found to be worthy of inclusion by the Jury, the Award category may be cancelled by the Jury. The Jury may decide to add nominees in the category to maintain high standards of participation. The decision of the Jury in this regard will be final and non-contestable. The Awards management will not entertain any queries in this.

4. Eligibility criteria for participation in the Awards

- Nomination is open for all which includes CSI Members and Non CSI Members.
- Participant applying for the Awards should be an Indian citizen
- In Individual category, Individual need to be 18 years of age as on April 1st, 2023, for participating in the awards
- Participant should be in a position for a minimum of 1 year in the organization for which he has applied in the Awards and overall work experience of minimum 2 years in the position.
- The initiative can be a product / service / project / process / procedure / methodology implemented in the technology industry
- The initiative entered for the Awards must be already implemented and should not be in a planning or conceptualizing stage
- The initiative should have been implemented between 201 -23
- For the Emerging Start-up award, the company should have been incorporated on or after April 01, 2022
- The initiative must be implemented in the Indian operations of the participating organisation
- The initiative nominated/ applied must be developed within the participating organization. An Organization cannot participate on behalf of its sister units; parent organization or other organizations under the parent organization

- The Applicant should not be a winner of the Award in any of the previous years for the same initiative/ innovation
- Employees who are involved in the awards process of the Awards are not allowed to participate in the Awards
- The final eligibility of the Participant will be subject to the discretion and approval of the Jury

NOTE -

- The Jury may modify the eligibility criteria from time to time with retrospective effect.
- The Jury holds the right to disqualify any application which does not meet the eligibility criteria without assigning any reason whatsoever.

5. Completeness of entries and disqualification

- Applicants can apply across all categories and send multiple entries in a category. A separate form must be used for each entry.
- Application forms must be filled in English only.
- The Application Form needs to be complete in all respects.
- The declaration must be signed by an authorized signatory from the Applicant organization (from amongst the CIO/CISO, etc).
- Disqualification of entries is at the sole discretion of jury, on a case by case basis. The said disqualification will be as per the rules and regulations defined for the Awards.
- If at any time, any information provided by any Applicant is found to be incorrect in any manner, then the Applicant will be disqualified from the Awards.
- If after the conclusion of the Awards ceremony, any information provided by any Applicant is found to be incorrect in any manner, then the Applicant will be liable to return the award/ prize money provided to the Applicant under these Awards.
- Determination of whether information provided by the Applicant is incorrect or not rests with jury.
- The Jury has the right to ask for documentary proof of information provided/ audit the information provided. If such a request is made and the Applicant does not comply within 3 days from the date the request is made, the Applicant would be disqualified from the Awards.

6. Call for Entries & Participation

- Applicant can apply for the Awards by submitting the completed application form on the website https://csimumbai.org/cyberfifc-25/ or via csiawards@csimumbai.org
- An Applicant can provide more than one entry in an Award category if the entries are for different initiatives. A separate application form must be used for each initiative
- If separate application forms are received for the same initiative / innovation, from different individuals / organizations, such entries will be treated as one
- The Jury has right to reclassify Application Forms from one award category to another, at its discretion. This is not contestable in any manner

7. Receipt of entries

A participant can apply for the Awards through either of the 3 steps mentioned below:-

- **1.** By logging on to the website https://csimumbai.org/cyberfifc-25/ and filling the application form online and attach the supporting documents along with the application form directly on the website
- 2. By emailing the completed application to this email id csiawards@csimumbai.org; subject line of the email should be: CSI Cyber Security Awards 2025_Participation _ Name of the company

Last date for receiving completed application forms is 18:00 hrs on 4th May 2025.

Receipt of Application Forms after last date of receipt specified may be permitted only at the discretion of the Awards Management.

Awards Management will not be responsible for Application Forms that are received in an incorrect format / late / corrupt etc.

8. Additional Information

- Participants may be contacted for any additional information or / and conduct field visit to verify the information provided. Such information sourced from the Participants will become part of the original application.
- Awards Management has the right to ask for documentary proof of information. If such a request is made and the Participant does not comply within 5 working days from the date the request is made, the Participant may be disqualified from participation in the Awards.
- Awards Management or team appointed by Awards Management will try to contact the Participant on best effort basis by any means deemed appropriate.
- In the event it is not possible to contact any Participant to obtain information on them, interview them, etc. such Participant may be disqualified from further participation.
- The participant hereby irrevocably authorizes the Awards Management to use the data gathered during and/or the Awards in respect of the participants. This shall be the property of CSI Mumbai and CSI Mumbai shall be entitled to use the same in its communications including marketing promotions and advertisements along with/without CSI Mumbai's brand. Awards Management shall not be liable in any manner for any mishap, accident, injury or damages etc. of whatsoever nature, caused to the participants during the Awards. Further, Awards Management shall not be liable in any manner for any loss, damage, theft, or any other mishap caused during the Awards

9. Determination of the Winners

- The final jury will score / rank the Nominees on predefined evaluation parameters, based on the application form / presentation submitted by the participants.
- There could be one or more winners in each award category, at the discretion of the Jury.
- The determination of who should receive an award for any award category rests with the Jury.
- The Jury's decision is final and binding on all nominees.

10. General

- Participant agrees that the Participant is legally capable of entering and, if selected, participating in the Awards and agree to the Rules
- Participant understands and agrees that merely participating in this Awards does not entitle the
 Participant to a prize or to any other form of consideration
- Participant warrants and represents to the Awards Management that all information including any communications, software, photos, text, video, graphics, music, sounds, images and other material submitted or recorded in any manner by the Participant or the partners of Awards Management including Awards Management for consideration for the Awards are solely owned by the Awards Management and do not infringe upon any other individual or organizational rights (including, without limitation, intellectual property rights). Participant shall be completely responsible for handling any infringement or alleged infringement and shall indemnify the CSI Mumbai, and the Awards Management from any claims, costs or damages from infringement or alleged infringement of the logo or trademark or the defence of a claim or any costs payable thereof.
- Participant must enter the Awards at their own will and the Awards Management are not in any way obligated or liable for any loss or costs that the Participant may suffer or incur and nothing is payable to the Participants for participating in the Awards or any event prior to or following the Awards
- Participants for the purpose of entering the Awards, automatically grants CSI Mumbai a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, non-transferable, non-exclusive right and license to use and display such entry, for participation in the Awards, and any intellectual property in relation to and arising out of such

participation in the Awards and footage thereof, which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the Website, the CSI Mumbai website in any display format selected by CSI Mumbai during the Awards or use by CSI Mumbai as it deems fit.

- The Awards Management reserves the right to, at its discretion, withdraw or amend or add to the Rules & Regulations of the Awards at any time, with prospective or retrospective effect, and does not take responsibility for any loss or damage that any individual or organization may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in the Awards, the Awards being withdrawn or its rules amended
- Should a Participant wish to withdraw from the Awards, kindly inform Awards management in writing at any time up to one week prior to the final awards ceremony
- All disputes relating to or arising out of the Awards shall be subject to the laws of India, and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction at Mumbai, India
- The Participants indemnify CSI Mumbai, its employees, officers, contractors, partner or other persons used by them in relation to this Awards and hold them harmless against any loss, claim, demands, costs, damages, judgments, expenses or liability (including legal costs) arising out of or in connection with any or all claims, that may be brought against the Awards Management by any third party in connection with the Participants participation in or winning the Awards, which is inconsistent with any of the warranties and representations made by the Participants, or due to breach of these Rules and shall reimburse CSI Mumbai for any loss, costs, expense, or damage to which said indemnity applies. CSI Mumbai shall give the Participant prompt written notice of any claim or actions covered by this indemnity, and the Participant shall have the right, at its own expense, to participate in any such action
- Decision of Awards Management /Jury on all matters is final and binding on all Participants and no correspondence will be entertained on the same
- In the event these Rules & Regulations do not cover any question or complaint in relation to the Awards, the same will be concluded on by the Awards Management (for all other issues) or an independent body or legal team as appointed by the Awards Management and deemed necessary
- The Participant agrees to give full consent unconditionally for CSI Mumbai to share any information provided by the Participant with agencies working with them with regards to the program, its recording and broadcasting and related activities including agencies involved with CSI Mumbai
- The decision of CSI Mumbai in relation to the interpretation of any of these Rules & Regulations shall be final and binding on the participants
- If Participants are unclear as to the Rules & Regulations or any element of the Awards or have any queries/concerns pertaining to the Awards, they can write in with their questions, concerns or queries to the following address:

Ravikiran Mankikar, Chairman–Award Jury, CSI Cyber Security Awards (2025): ravi.mankikar@csimumbai.org

11. Website

- The website is only an informational website https://csimumbai.org/cyberfifc-25 for the Awards. CSI Mumbai is not liable or responsible for any action or decision taken by Participant or anyone acting on Participant's behalf or under Participant employment or under contract with Participant. CSI Mumbai Chapter shall not be under any obligation to Participant and Participant shall have no obligation or rights in relation to the Awards and shall have no claims whatsoever against the CSI Mumbai relating to the selection process or the running of the Awards
- CSI Mumbai shall not be responsible for:
 - any delivery, failures relating to the registration or uploading videos/presentations;
 - any SPAM generated messages as result of Participant accessing the Website;

- Awards Management not receiving or rejecting any data;
- any lost, late or misdirected computer transmission or network, electronic failures of any kind or any failure to receive entries owing to transmission failures or due to any technical reasons and
- Other conditions/situations or failures beyond its control.

12. Disclaimers

Awards Management has no obligation to screen the entry material in advance, and is not responsible
for monitoring entries for the purpose of preventing violation of intellectual property ownership rights,
or violations of any law, rule or regulation. If Awards Management is notified of submissions or
materials that may not conform to the Rules, it may investigate the allegation and determine in good
faith and in its sole discretion whether to eliminate such an entry from consideration. The Awards
Management has no liability or responsibility to Participants or other users of the Website for
performance or non-performance of such activities.