

McRock Industrial AI Awards 2026

As part of its upcoming McRock Industrial Software Symposium 2026, McRock is pleased to announce this year's Industrial AI Awards.

The 2026 awards:

1. **Industrial AI Corporate Leader of the Year:** awarded to a corporation playing a leading role in delivering and/or incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovations for digital transformation of big industries.
2. **Industrial AI Company of the Year:** awarded to a privately-owned emerging tech company that has shown tangible achievements in leveraging AI to deliver transformational solutions to the industrial world.
3. **Industrial AI Entrepreneur of the Year:** awarded to an entrepreneur whose business has created innovative new AI products and who has acted as a leader in the space promoting the adoption of industrial AI.

The attached nomination form outlines the eligibility and evaluation criteria. We are seeking nominees around the globe and would greatly appreciate your help in nominating organizations in the Industrial AI industry.

Please submit all submissions by email to [pritch@mcrockcapital.com](mailto:pritish@mcrockcapital.com) by midnight on Friday, April 10, 2026.

Award recipients will be honoured at the McRock Industrial Software Symposium 2026 to be held at the Montreal Science Centre in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on Wednesday, May 20. To learn more, <https://mcrockcapital.com/symposium/> or look for regular announcements on [McRock's LinkedIn](#).

How to Enter:

Please complete and submit the form found within this document.

Who Can Nominate:

Individuals, organizations, and investors can submit nominations. Self-nominations permitted.

Prizes:

The Recipients of the McRock Industrial AI Award 2026 will receive:

- Two complementary VIP passes to the McRock Industrial Software Symposium 2026 with the opportunity to deliver an acceptance speech to an audience of corporate executives, entrepreneurs and investors;
- Coverage in the McRock Sector Reports 2026; and
- A trophy recognizing the recipient of the McRock Industrial AI Award 2026.

Selection Process

Once received, all applications will be screened by an Independent Selection Committee for eligibility purposes. The applications will then be evaluated according to a standard grid based on the predetermined evaluation criteria. Once all applications have been evaluated, the Independent Selection Committee will determine the winner for each award. The winners will be notified on or before **April 17, 2026**.

Industrial AI Entrepreneur of the Year Award Details

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the **Industrial AI Entrepreneur of the Year**, the nominated individual must:

- Be the/a founder of a company providing AI solutions to customers in industrial sectors
- Lead a company that is innovating solutions that drive tangible value for its customers
- Have delivered novel AI solutions that are proving to be transformative to users

Evaluation Criteria:

The Independent Selection Committee will choose the **Industrial AI Entrepreneur of the Year** based on the following:

- Demonstrated success as a founder and/or business leader in an Industrial AI company;
- Broken new ground or barriers for adoption of Industrial AI; and
- Has had an impact on the community, industry and employees through the work of the venture they started or currently lead.

Submission:

Please complete the nomination form found on the next page, save the file as a new PDF, then email the PDF to british@mcrockcapital.com

Nominations close on **Friday, April 10, 2026, at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.**

Failure to provide all of the required information will result in your nomination being ineligible for consideration.

By submitting a nomination, you confirm that all the information included in the nomination is accurate. All information provided is confidential and will be used only in the evaluation of the nomination for the purposes of the McRock Industrial AI Awards.

