

Andrew Wilbey Student Award (For 2026 only)

Background

The award is made in recognition of the work of Andrew Wilbey, who passed away at the end of 2025. Andrew commenced his career in the dairy industry before moving to the University of Reading as a lecturer in the food science department, running over 54 ice-cream-making courses throughout his time there. Andrew was a member of the Society for 45 years and was associated with the Society's publications for a significant number of years, more latterly summarising the Journal articles for Dairy Industries International. In 2023 Andrew developed a handbook on Ice Cream Technology which is free to SDT members on the website. Andrew was awarded the SDT Gold medal in 2025 for his service to the Society.

The Award

In recognition of Andrew's work with the Society, and particularly SDT publications, an award will be offered to the food/dairy technology student, of an UK and Irish college/university, who is judged to provide the most comprehensive account (500 words max) explaining how SDT publications have supported them throughout their student journey.

1. The submission coupled with details of the students academic institution and course name should be emailed to execdirector@sdt.org by May 22nd 2026.
2. A committee of SDT Council members will consider all applications and select a winner.
3. The winner will be notified by 5th June.
4. The award will be presented at the SDT Annual Dinner on 24th June 2026
5. The award winner will receive a £500 voucher and a trophy and will be invited to attend the SDT Annual Dinner.