

Property Awards 2026	
Rising Star of the Year	
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PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS	
Please outline why the nominated individual/organisation should be considered for the award?	<p>Fueled by her firsthand experience navigating the challenges of student renting in the UK, Hannah's determination to address the infamous lack of support for first-time renters has not only transformed the student accommodation landscape but has also positioned her as a rising star in the property industry. Hannah's story begins at university, where she faced the anxieties, confusion, and panic associated with student renting. Witnessing the struggles of her peers, she decided to take matters into her own hands. The result? Hybr, a platform that aggregates all available student homes, providing a curated and supportive customer journey for first-time renters. Hannah's strategic vision and determination have not only garnered Hybr partnerships with over 25 UK universities, but have also propelled the company to address a staggering £46 billion market in the under-30s rental sector in the UK alone. Hannah launched Hybr out of frustration with the infamous lack of support first-time renters get in the UK. The motivation hits close to home, coming from her own experience navigating the Hunger Games that is UK student renting.</p>
Provide relevant information on the nominee?	<p>Hannah was a student at the University of Bristol and experienced first-hand the anxiety, confusion, and panic of renting as a student. There were fights between students and landlords, there were stolen deposits, there were drop-outs over mental health issues caused by housing concerns, and there were tears over unknown fines. In the UK, living with friends at university is supposed to be the best time of young adults' lives, yet so many dread having to find a house. Hannah initially compared finding a student home to finding a holiday home on Airbnb, where looking for a place to stay is all part of the excitement of going away. Users happily scroll through pages of properties to find a hidden gem for a week's holiday, but it was a completely different story when it came to finding a student house. So, Hannah spent weeks</p>

	<p>brainstorming to see if she could build a solution. Hannah did her homework, and after sending out several surveys, was shocked to discover not only how widely hated the rental process is but also how lucrative the student accommodation market is. A few months after graduating, while in the middle of yet another consultancy application, Hannah decided that enough was enough. She closed the application and spent the rest of the summer writing up a business plan, researching the competition and the flaws in the student lettings system. So, after graduating from Bristol - she decided to ditch the graduate scheme route altogether, and launch Hybr, the solution she wished she had at university.</p>
List, all qualifications and institutions where the nominee studied	Hannah studied BA Liberal Arts at the University of Bristol.
Provide a brief biography of the nominated individual/organisation	As a 26 year old woman in a male-dominated space, Hannah is already making a name for herself in the space, featuring in articles, podcasts and as a panel member at conferences. The median age of company founders across the UK is 38 years old, so at 26 she's ahead of the curve! Sacrificing an 'easier' career path because a problem needed addressing, many in the space can relate to the concept of her business and how it is driven by empathy, addresses the 'ugly' parts of the industry rather than glossing over them - Hannah wants to FIX the issues. Hybr's office is located in Holborn, London.
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