

# DIGITAL BADGE AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

As part of the R.E.A.L. (Research, Evaluate, Analyse, Learn) project, the Digital Badge and Certification Program has been designed to provide a meaningful, visible, and motivating system for recognising participant achievements throughout their engagement in the fact-checking hub

## Core Completion Badge

Awarded upon successful completion of the full R.E.A.L. training course.



## Fact-Checker Badges

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## Peer Reviewer Badges

These badges reward users who support quality control by reviewing and giving feedback on peer-submitted fact-checks.



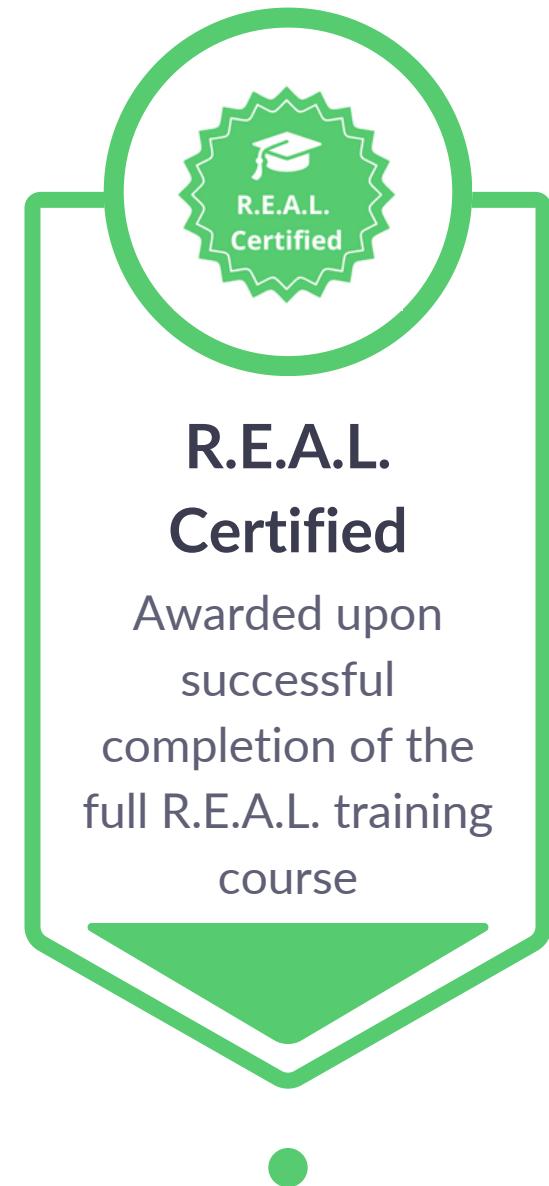
## Publisher Recognition Badges

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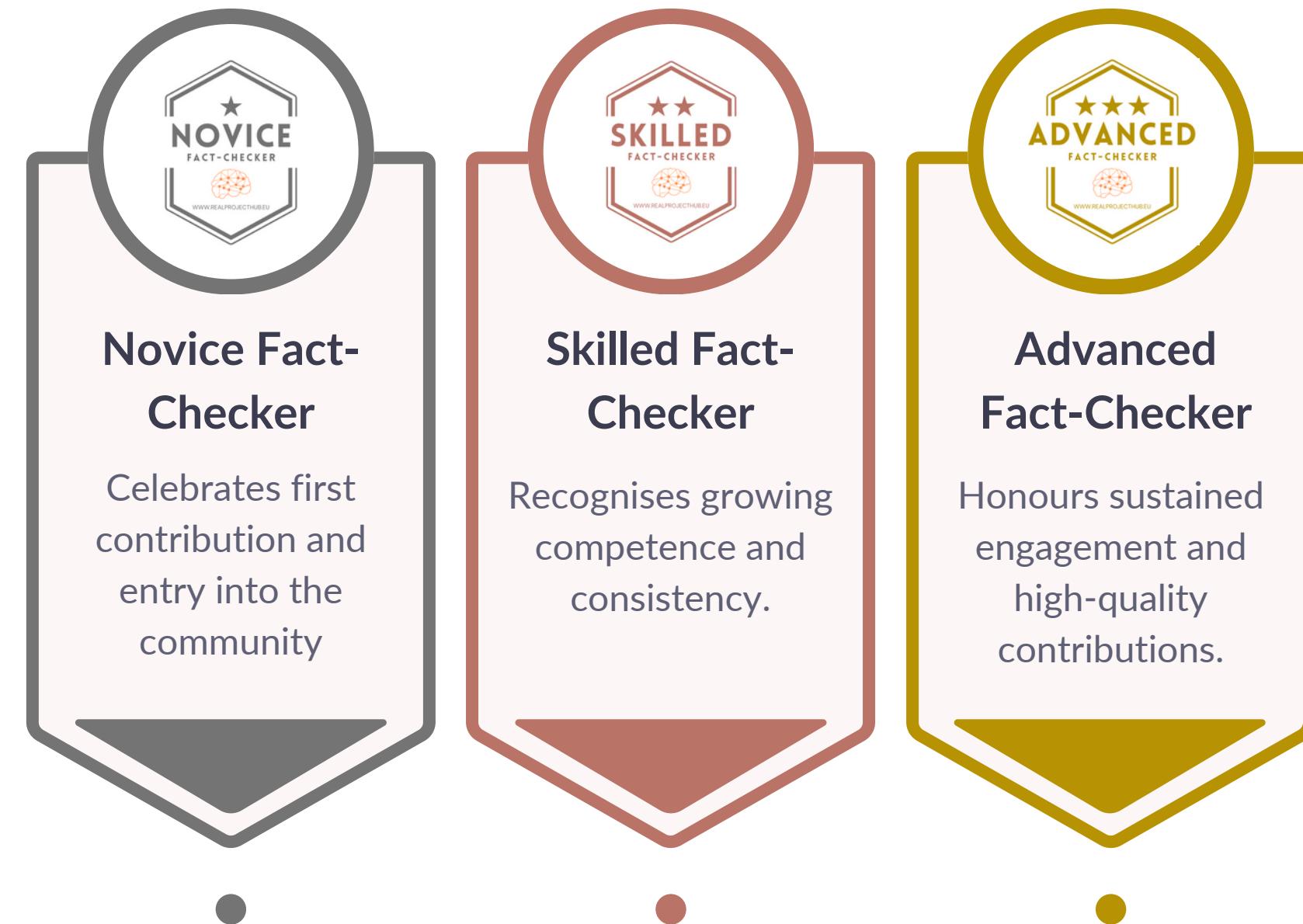
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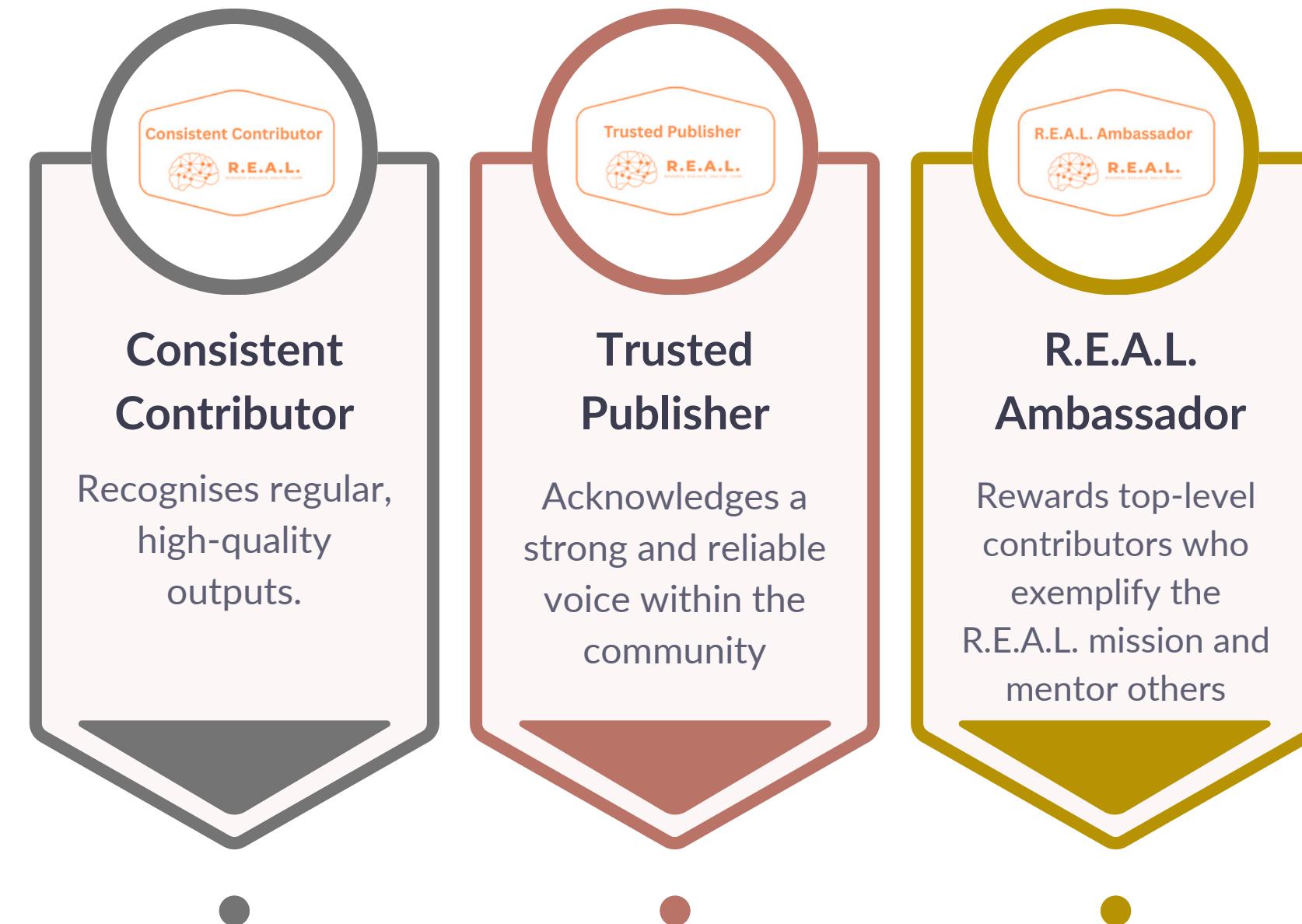
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# CRITERIA

## Core Completion Badge

Badge Title	Criteria	Purpose
R.E.A.L. Certified	Awarded upon successful completion of the full R.E.A.L. training course.	Recognises foundational knowledge and readiness to engage in fact-checking initiatives.

## Fact-Checker Badges

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Badge Title	Criteria	Purpose
Novice Fact-Checker	1 verified and published fact-check	Celebrates first contribution and entry into the community.
Skilled Fact-Checker	5 verified and published fact-checks	Recognises growing competence and consistency.
Advanced Fact-Checker	10+ verified and published fact-checks	Honours sustained engagement and high-quality contributions.

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Badge Title	Criteria	Purpose
R.E.A.L. Reviewer	3 peer reviews completed	Encourages early contribution to community accountability.
Trusted Reviewer	10 peer reviews completed	Reflects trusted role in quality assurance.
Lead Reviewer	20+ peer reviews completed	Recognises leadership in maintaining platform standards.

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Badge Title	Criteria	Purpose
Consistent Contributor	3 peer-approved fact-checks published	Recognises regular, high-quality outputs.
Trusted Publisher	10 peer-approved fact-checks published	Acknowledges a strong and reliable voice within the community.
R.E.A.L. Ambassador	20 peer-approved fact-checks or significant community input	Rewards top-level contributors who exemplify the R.E.A.L. mission and mentor others.