

**CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR AWARD
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL & ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING &
MECHANICS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**

Purpose: This award is intended to acknowledge the professional accomplishments of former faculty of the Department to recognize their contributions to the UA, College, Department, its students, and the profession.

Eligibility: Nominee must have held a tenured or tenure-tracked appointment in the Department for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years. Emeritus and former faculty are eligible for the award. The award will be made posthumously to deceased faculty that meet all of these requirements.

Selection Criteria: The nominee must have a record of accomplishment while on the faculty of the Department which should include one or more of the following criteria:

1. Advanced the state of the art and/or practice by making distinguished contributions to the theory and/or practice of civil engineering that contribute to the stature of the civil engineering profession and results in recognition of the Department.
2. Notable service to the community, the civil engineering profession, the Department, and/or the public.
3. Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering education as exceptional teacher; and/or
4. Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering research as evidenced by papers prepared and accepted by research organizations and/or publications.
5. Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering administration as evidenced by local, regional, national, and/or international recognition as an exceptional and effective administrator.
6. Recognized and respected as a dedicated and caring mentor, advisor and role model for graduate and undergraduate students.

Nominator: Any person intimately knowledgeable of the contributions of a current or former member of the faculty of the Department may nominate that person for the award. This includes, but is not limited to, all Department alumni, former and current faculty at the University of Arizona, staff and administrators at the University of Arizona, the nominee's former colleagues at places of previous employment, and civil engineering practitioners who, although not alumni of the program, fully appreciate the contributions of the nominee to the department and the profession.

Nomination Information Requirements: To be considered for an award the following information for that nomination is required:

1. A letter of nomination (500 words max.) describing why the nominee deserves the award. This letter should contain a summary of the nominee's accomplishments and brief assessment of the nominee's qualifications for the award including any personal perspectives missing from or not readily apparent in the nominee's curriculum vitae (CV) or resume.

2. At least one "seconding" letter of recommendation and support for the nominee. The author of the seconding letter does not need to be a graduate of the UA.
3. The nominee's CV or Resume. The CV should present a clear record of the nominee's accomplishments. The nominee's CV or Resume. The CV should present a clear record of the nominee's accomplishments.
4. A completed nomination form. Which includes verification that the nominee has approved their nomination and that they will, if awarded the award, attend the awards event to be held in Tucson, Arizona.

A nomination form is available on the Department's website at <https://caem.engineering.arizona.edu/sites/caem.engineering.arizona.edu/files/2025-02/Centennial-Professor-Nomination-Fillable-Form-2025.pdf>

Additional Nomination Information Requirements: In addition to the nomination letter, CV consideration of this award requires a seconding letter that supports the nomination that includes at least ten (10) CAEM alumni or others knowledgeable of the nominee's credentials "seconding" the nomination. Testimonials from signatories are encouraged and, if available, should be included in the nomination documentation.

Nomination Submission: The Centennial Awards will typically only be determined and awarded every two years. Awards are typically done at a special luncheon awards event which is held on the Friday of the UA Homecoming weekend in the fall. The deadline for submission of nominations is Friday February 28, 2025. The complete nomination portfolio should be sent to:

The University of Arizona
Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics
Centennial Professor Award Committee
P.O. Box 210072
Tucson, AZ 85721-0072

Selection Panel: The selection panel for all AIC awards should consist of head of Department, the chair and vice-chair of the AIC, AIC members at large and at least one Department faculty appointed by the CAEM department head. An ad-hoc member from the College can also participate as an advisor to the selection panel. Others can be appointed to the selection panel at the discretion of the Chair of the AIC. It is acceptable for those on the selection panel to also be nominators and/or contact nominators to ask questions or gain additional information on those nominated. The chair of the Selection Panel shall provide the findings of the selection panel to the Department. The Department will then contact those who have been selected for awards. The chair of the selection panel will contact those who were considered, but not selected either directly or through their nominator. Any nomination not selected will be eligible for re-consideration for the next cycle of awards if the nominator and the person being nominated approves it. This includes their commitment to attend the award ceremony in Tucson if they are selected for an award.

Posthumously: Awards can be made posthumously if it is determined by the selection panel to be appropriate.

Awards Cycle: Typically, every two years. To be awarded at awards event held in the fall during Homecoming. However, if no nominations or suitable nominations are received then no award should be given. Recipients are expected to attend the awards ceremony.