

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL & ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING &
MECHANICS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Purpose: Honor civil engineering graduates for their personal contribution toward engineering achievement, leadership, and service to the profession, society, and the Department.

Nominator: Any civil engineering graduate, faculty or staff may nominate an alumnus/a for this award.

Eligibility: Graduated from UA with a graduate or undergraduate degree in Department of CAEM. The award will be made posthumously to alumni that meet all of these requirements.

Selection Criteria: Nominees must have a record of accomplishment based upon, but not limited to, any of the following or equivalent profession-specific criteria:

1. Contributions to the theory and/or practice of civil engineering that contribute to the recognition of the civil engineering profession.
2. Managed or directed an organization or agency that has made widely recognized regional, national, and/or international contributions through the exercise of civil engineering expertise.
3. Performed service to the community, the civil engineering profession, the Department, and/or the public.
4. Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering education as a faculty member, teacher, researcher, effective administrator, and/or a respected advisor and role model for students.
5. Recognized as a leader in the community based on volunteer activities that reflect credit to the individual, to the community, and to the Department.
6. Contributed in a meaningful way to the Department, College of Engineering, and/or UA.

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.
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.

The form is available at <https://caem.engineering.arizona.edu/sites/caem.engineering.arizona.edu/files/2025-02/Distinguished-Alumni-AwardOutstanding-Young-Alumni-Award-Nomination-Form-2025.pdf>

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
Alumni Awards 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.

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.