

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL & ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING &
MECHANICS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**

Purpose: Honor and recognizes a graduate of the Department who has achieved a notable level of success in life, made significant contributions to his or her profession, supported the efforts of CAEM, and contributed to society through public service or other community activities.

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

Eligibility: The nominee must have graduated from UA with a graduate or undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering or a graduate degree in Engineering Mechanics and be under forty (40) years of age on December 31 of the year preceding the date of the award.

Selection Criteria: The nominee must have achieved a notable level of success in life based upon, but not necessarily limited to, any of the following or equivalent criteria:

1. A demonstrated record of significant achievements in his/her chosen profession that can inspire young alumni, their peers, and current undergraduate students in the pursuit of their profession.
2. Potential for future distinction.
3. A demonstrated commitment to the profession through active participation in the activities of professional organizations.
4. Demonstrated service to the Department, the College of Engineering, and/or the UA.
5. Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering education as a full-time faculty member or adjunct with recognition as an exceptional teacher and/or researcher.
6. Participated in leadership roles within the community.

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
CAEM 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.