

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

**Purpose**

This award is intended to honor civil engineering graduates for their personal contribution toward engineering achievement, leadership, and service to the profession, society, and the Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics at the University of Arizona.

**Nominator**

Any civil engineering graduate may nominate an alumnus or alumna for this award.

**Eligibility Requirements**

The nominee must have graduated from The University of Arizona with a graduate or undergraduate degree in Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics. The award will be made posthumously to alumni that meet all of these requirements.

**Selection Criteria**

The nominee must have a distinguished record of accomplishment in his/her chosen profession based upon, but not limited to, any of the following or equivalent profession-specific criteria:

- 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 recognition of the civil engineering profession.
- Managed or directed an organization or agency that has made widely recognized regional, national, and/or international contributions in design, construction, and/or service delivery through the exercise of civil engineering expertise.
- Performed truly exceptional service to the community, the civil engineering profession, the Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics, and/or the public.
- Demonstrated excellence in civil engineering education as a full time faculty member with regional, national, and/or international recognition as an exceptional teacher and/or researcher, and/or an effective administrator, and/or a respected advisor and role model for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Recognized as a leader in the community based on volunteer activities in his/her private life that reflect credit to the individual, to the community, and to the University of Arizona Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics.
- Contributed in some meaningful way to the Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics, the College of Engineering, and/or The University of Arizona.

**Nomination Information Requirements**

The nomination portfolio should include as a minimum:

1. A formal letter of nomination (500 words max.) describing why you believe that your nominee deserves this award. This letter should contain a summary of the nominee's accomplishments and your 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).
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 University of Arizona.
3. The nominee's CV. The CV should present a clear record of the nominee's noteworthy accomplishments, especially those extraordinary public or professional service accomplishments that very few if any of his/her peers have attained. At a minimum the CV should contain a list of important contributions, publications, patents, professional experience, and principal technical society memberships and activities.

4. A completed nomination form. The form is available at <https://caem.engineering.arizona.edu/sites/caem.engineering.arizona.edu/files/Alumni-Nomination-Fillable-Form-2021.pdf>

**Nomination Submission Information:**

The deadline for submission of nominations for a given year is the first day of February of that year. This has been extended to May 31, 2021. 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 will consist of seven (7) members as follows:

1. The head of Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Mechanics.
2. The chair and vice-chair of the CAEM Alumni Industry Council.
3. One member of the full-time tenured/tenure-tracked faculty appointed by the CAEM department head.
4. One emeritus faculty member appointed by the CAEM department head.
5. The president of the SCE Student Chapter.
6. A former recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award selected by the AIC.

The chair of the Selection Panel will be the chair of the AIC.

**Award Announcement**

The award will be announced before the Centennial Luncheon on November 1, 2021. Recipients are expected to attend the awards ceremony.