2021
HONOURS & AWARDS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN
ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
OACETT invites individuals and employers to submit nominations for the Association awards listed on the following pages. To be considered for award recognition, completed electronic nomination forms must be submitted no later than the date stated on the OACETT website.

All nominators are required to review this awards booklet for a list of the award categories and eligibility criteria before nominating deserving candidates.

Once completed, please click the award option you would like to nominate for in order to complete the on-line registration form.

If you have any questions please contact: services@oacett.org

For additional information please visit: www.oacett.org/About-Us/Provincial-Awards
1. HIGHEST ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

1.1 LIFE MEMBERSHIP (MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a member who has served the Association for many years in an exceptional manner. This is the highest honour that the Association can accord a member. Life Membership permits the member to retain his or her title of certification for life without the further payment of annual membership dues.

1.2 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a non-member who has made a significant contribution to the building of the Association, to the fulfilment of its objectives, or to the development of the profession of engineering/applied science technology.

This is the highest honour that the Association can accord a non-member. Honorary membership entitles the honouree to enjoy general benefits of membership without paying annual membership dues. It does not permit the honouree to hold him or herself out as being a practising certified technician or certified engineering technologist.

2. CAREER EXCELLENCE

2.1 OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS, GROUPS)

The award is granted to an individual (member or non-member), business firm, crown corporation, government agency, association, research and development agency, educational institution, or individual entrepreneur to recognise outstanding technical achievement in engineering/applied science technology. The basis for granting the award could be a single exceptional accomplishment, or a long record of continuing excellence. It must be worthy of the designation ‘outstanding’ in its contribution to technology in Canada.

Technological activities for which this award could be given might include:

- Development and implementation of a new product, process or technique.
- Design and/or construction of significant or unique structures.
- An innovative technical solution to environmental, social or community problems.
- Research leading to applications of new knowledge.
- Exceptional encouragement of individual technical enterprise.
2. CAREER EXCELLENCE [cont.]

2.2 GEORGE BURWASH LANGFORD MEMORIAL AWARD (MEMBERS)

This award is named to honour and perpetuate the name of George Burwash Langford, the founding chairman of the Certification Board for Engineering Technicians and Technologists. This Award recognises the spirit of Dr. Langford's mission and his leadership in making a place for technologists and technicians in the engineering spectrum.

The award is to be granted to a member who has distinguished themselves in their career, and thereby brought recognition and credit to the profession of engineering/applied science technology.

It recognises excellence in professional life, be it purely technical or in non-technical careers such as management, teaching, administration or other related work. It is not for work on Association-related bodies, boards or committees. Some assessment considerations for which the award could be given might include:

- Specific work accomplishments.
- Length of service with an employer as well as in the profession.
- Multiple professional-entrepreneurial successes.
- Career path improvements – public profile.
- Published papers, articles, etc.
- Corporate recognition, level of responsibility, etc.
- Peer recognition.
- Contributions to technical societies, standard organisations.

2.3 THOMAS WILLIAM HOPSON MEMORIAL MEDAL (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS, GROUPS)

The Thomas William Hopson Memorial Medal is created to grant honour to a member of the Association for distinguished and humanitarian service that made through the application of Engineering Technology. Bill Hopson was a member of the Association for many years. He voluntarily worked to develop devices to aid the physically handicapped. He was awarded the OACETT Merit Award in 1974 and continued his work despite the stress that it placed on his own health, until his death in 1976. It is considered that within the circles that Bill Hopson worked, the engineering technicians and technologists were better recognised because of his humane and professional attributes. The establishment of this award bearing Bill Hopson’s name sets a high standard against which we can measure our own individual contributions to the betterment of our fellow human beings.

The award (medal) is granted to a member, non-member, or group to recognise work of a technological nature which is directed towards the service and betterment of humanity. It must be worthy of the accolade “for distinguished service to humanity through the application of engineering technology”. It is not for service to the Association, or for general technical work or non-technical community service. The work being recognised can be completed on a paid or voluntary basis, as well as singularly or in concert with others. Recognition of the work within the wider community is a major factor in assessing the nominee’s contribution.
2. CAREER EXCELLENCE (cont.)

2.4 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a member or non-member who has made a significant contribution to the training and education of engineering/applied science technicians and technologists.

It recognises a sustained record of teaching excellence over many years, and not for one specific year or singular accomplishment.

3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE

3.1 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

This award is granted to a member or non-member who has distinguished themselves in the service of the Association on a voluntary, salaried or elected basis.

While the award may be granted to recognise a singular accomplishment for the betterment of the Association, it is generally awarded to recognise sustained exceptional service over a period of time.

3.2 BLAKE H. GOODINGS MEMORIAL AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

This award is named to honour and perpetuate the memory of Blake H. Goodings, P.Eng., C.E.T. It recognises that the most enduring legacy of Blake’s enormous contribution to the OACETT is the certification program in all its dimensions.

The award is granted to a member or non-member who has:

a) Rendered long and distinguished service to the registration activities of the Association, or
b) In the wider community, made a significant and definable contribution that impacts upon and benefits the Association’s registration, accreditation or certification process.

- Individual services to the registration activities of the Association;
- Scope of activities and participation in multiple facets of the registration process;
- Participation in significant projects;
- Development of strategies and policies;
- Development of innovative procedures;
- Training of volunteers;
- Development of syllabi, examinations and study guides;
- Specific achievements cited in the nomination.
3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE [cont.]

3.3 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (MEMBERS)

This award is granted to a member to recognise outstanding voluntary service within the wider community. While the service performed does not necessarily have to be of a technology related nature, his or her professional status/occupation as a technician or technologist is still publicly recognised, thereby bringing added admiration and respect to the profession.

Recognition of past service or outstanding accomplishments by an organisation, or in the wider community in general, would be a major factor in assessing the nominee’s contribution. Length of volunteer service in itself would not qualify for the award.

4. EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE

4.1 PUBLICATIONS AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a member, non-member, or group to recognise his or her or their authorship of an outstanding feature-length article, paper or work that was published during the relevant year.

The work, whether published by the Association itself or by another public communications medium, could have been completed singularly or in concert with others.

While primarily intended to recognise the accomplishments of members, consideration of work completed by a non-member or group would generally be confined to technologically related material that is considered deserving of recognition by the Association.