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The Engineers Canada Awards: Celebrating Engineering in Canada

Celebrating the Role of Nation's Engineering Profession in Canadian Life

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's 290,000 members of the engineering profession.

Celebrating the role of Canada's engineering profession

Engineers play an integral role in building the communities that make Canada a global leader in health and quality of life. Their work touches on all aspects of life: from the nutrient-enriched foods we eat, to the water we drink, and from the pedestrian crosswalks we use, to the regulations that ensures the sustainability of Canada's environment in the long term. As innovators and entrepreneurs, engineers help our economy thrive. As caring members of our communities, they volunteer their time, resources, and problem-solving capabilities to better people's lives from coast to coast to coast.

Eighty-two years ago, the organization that would become Engineers Canada was founded. Since its inception, Engineers Canada and the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering have witnessed great change, not only in how engineering is practised but also in how it is taught at academic institutions across Canada. New engineering disciplines and industries have emerged as new technologies have developed.

Showcasing Outstanding Achievements

Presented annually since 1972 to recognize outstanding Canadian engineers, teams of engineers, engineering projects and achievements, and engineering students, the **Engineers Canada Awards** highlight professional excellence, as well as the contributions of engineers to their community, and to the safety and well-being of Canadians.

The process to review and determine the award recipients is rigorous. Engineers Canada forwards the call for award nominations to the provincial and territorial engineering associations, Canadian post-secondary institutions, and the engineering community every fall. Nominees are brought forward and careful consideration is given to leadership in the profession and the community, outstanding achievements, and to



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previous recognition obtained. The nominees are reviewed by the Engineers Canada Awards Committee who, in turn, determine the award recipients.

The awards are presented during an Awards Gala held each year in conjunction with Engineers Canada's Annual Meeting of Members, typically in late May. This year, the Engineers Canada Awards Gala event will be held on May 24, 2018 in Saskatoon, SK. In 2018, Engineers Canada awards are presented in eight categories:

Gold Medal Award – the prestigious Gold Medal Award has been awarded continuously since 1972. The Gold Medal bestows distinction on outstanding engineers and recognizes their exceptional achievements in their chosen field of engineering.

Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service recognizes outstanding service and dedication to the Canadian engineering profession through Canadian professional, consulting, or technical associations and societies, and to enhance the role of the associations and societies in the career of the professional engineer.

Award for the Support of Women in the Engineering Profession recognizes engineers who, through their engineering and career achievements, have demonstrated noteworthy support for women in the profession and have established a benchmark of engineering excellence.

National Award for an Engineering Project or Achievement bestows distinction on a Canadian engineering team for an outstanding engineering project or achievement that has had a significant positive impact on society, industry and/or engineering.

Medal for Distinction in Engineering Education recognizes an exemplary contribution to the teaching and learning of the engineering profession at Canadian universities. This award has the objective of encouraging excellence in the current teaching of engineering.

Meritorious Service Award for Community Service recognizes outstanding service and dedication to Canadian society for an individual through voluntary participation in community organizations, government sponsored activities, or humanitarian work.

Young Engineer Achievement Award bestows distinction on young outstanding engineers and recognizes exceptional achievement in their chosen fields. The nominee must be an engineer 36 years of age or younger as of the end of May in the year the award is presented.



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Gold Medal Student Award bestows distinction on outstanding undergraduate engineering students and recognizes exceptional contributions to societal issues.

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