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CLAIRE L. FELBINGER AWARD FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

NOMINATION KIT



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INSTRUCTIONS

This kit is designed to help you nominate a candidate for the Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion.

Before you send in your nomination, make sure to:

1. Read the Criteria carefully and ensure that your nominee has the distinguished qualities to be eligible for this Award.
2. Review the nomination and letters of reference to ensure they are within the stated word limits. Nominations that do not adhere to word limits will not be reviewed.
3. Complete and sign the Nomination Form.
4. Email the completed nomination in PDF format to awards@abet.org by April 20 and keep a copy for your records. No handwritten entries will be accepted.

Deadline: April 20

Nominations are accepted year round, but must be received by email before our April 20 deadline. No exceptions will be granted.

Renominations of past winners will not be accepted.

Expect a written notification of receipt from ABET Headquarters. If you do not receive confirmation, please send an email to awards@abet.org.

By the end of September, you should expect notification on the outcome, following formal vote by the ABET Board of Delegates.



ABOUT

Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion

The Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion is presented to recognize educational units, individuals, associations and firms for extraordinary success in achieving greater diversity and inclusion in the technological segments of our society.

The recipient(s) will receive a $10,000 award.

THE CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY

Persons involved in the current year's Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion (Felbinger) evaluation and selection process (e.g., Members of the Awards Committee and Felbinger Subcommittee) are not eligible to be nominated, nominate or provide a reference for the Felbinger Award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A maximum of 2 candidates (1 individual and 1 program/institution/organization) are presented annually to our Board of Delegates by the Awards Committee.

To be chosen for the Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion, your nominee will be judged against these criteria:

1. **CAUSE**

   The nominee has a clear and targeted mission to advance diversity and inclusion in technical education or the technical fields.

2. **IMPACT**

   This initiative has proven success in achieving greater diversity and inclusion in technical education or the technical fields.

3. **COMMITMENT**

   The nominee has dedicated years toward achieving their goals and has an obvious desire to continue their work.

4. **LEGACY**

   The method and results that this initiative have produced can be translated across disciplines and demographics to affect larger change for years to come.

5. **DISSEMINATION OR TRANSPORTABILITY**

   DISSEMINATION (for nominations of individuals):
   The broad distribution of these achievements informs the efforts of others.

   OR

   TRANSPORTABILITY (for nominations of programs):
   The ability of this program to be transferred to other persons and entities.

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Nomination Form

DEADLINE: APRIL 20

I hereby nominate

Person, Program or Institution (Please provide the name as you want it to appear on the award)

to receive the ABET Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion. I am confident that the following accomplishments in achieving greater diversity and inclusion in technical education or the technical fields deserve consideration for the award.

Nominee Contact Name

Nominee Email Address

AWARD CITATION

Write a suitable citation for the award that you are nominating (30 words maximum)

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Please submit the following materials to support your nomination:

1. Two letters of support (each 500 words max)

Name	**Relation to Candidate**

2. One additional document of the nominator's choice (4 pages max)

Document Title	**Summary**

Submitted by

Print Name

Date

By checking this box and typing my name, I am electronically signing this document. ☐

This form and detailed supporting documentation and/or endorsements should be emailed to: **awards@abet.org**

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Specifically describe the nature and significance of your nominee's accomplishments. Please provide data and personal observations to support the contributions of this individual, organization or institution. (400 words maximum)

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Specifically address how your nominee meets the judging criteria on page 5 (Cause, Impact, Commitment, Legacy, and Dissemination or Transportability).

Cause (200 words maximum)

Impact (200 words maximum)

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Commitment (200 words maximum)

Legacy (300 words maximum)

Dissemination or Transportability (200 words maximum)



Claire L. Felbinger

As a Public Member on our Board of Delegates from 1998 to 2004, Claire L. Felbinger was a driving force for inclusion and led the first committee to formally bring the issue of diversity to the attention of the Board.

She was a tireless advocate for efforts to promote diversity and set in motion the work that is still being done today. Under her leadership, the Public Member Committee launched initiatives to consider and publish ABET Expert diversity statistics, issue a formal policy on diversity, and the creation of the President's Award for Diversity in 2005.

Dr. Felbinger passed away suddenly in her home on May 28, 2008. To honor her legacy, the award that she helped create now bears her name.

CLAIRE L. FELBINGER AWARD FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Recipients

2025
Richard Olawoyin, Ph.D.

2024
Yannis C. Yortsos, Ph.D.

2023
Jenna P. Carpenter, Ph.D.

2022
Gilda A. Barabino, Ph.D.

2021
Sheryl A. Sorby, Ph.D.

2020
Ambareen Siraj, Ph.D.

2019
Yvette E. Pearson, Ph.D.

2018
Ignatios Vakalis, Ph.D.

2017
Emily L. Allen, Ph.D.

Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.

2016
Renetta Garrison Tull, Ph.D.

University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Women in Engineering, Mathematics and Science Program

Anita Borg Institute

2015
Lynnette D. Madsen

North Carolina State College of Engineering, Women and Minority Engineering Programs

2014
Cornell Diversity Programs in Engineering

Purdue Women in Engineering Program

Eugene M. DeLoatch

2013
National Engineers Week Foundation

2012
National Action Council for Minorities in Education, Inc. (NACME)

2010
The Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech

The Michigan College and University Partnership

2009
The Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside

The College of Engineering at Florida A&M University and Florida State University

The College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University, Fullerton

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Recipients

2008

The College of Engineering and the Office of Diversity Initiatives at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach

The School of Engineering and Applied Science at The George Washington University

The CyberCity Technology Summer Program at James Madison University

The Multicultural Engineering Program at Northern Arizona University and Its Director Fonda Swimmer

2007

The California State University-Los Angeles College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology

The Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee Information Technologies Division

Lee Snapp

2006

The College of Engineering and Computing at Florida International University

The Ivan G. Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace University

The College of Engineering at The University of Texas at El Paso

2005

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The College of Engineering at The University of Texas at San Antonio

Tulane University and Xavier University of Louisiana

SELECTION PROCESS

The President of ABET annually appoints a special committee for review of nominations for this award. The Awards Committee's recommendations are presented to the members of the Board of Delegates for concurrence.

The award is presented at ABET's Annual Awards Celebration. In addition, the individual is recognized in the ABET Annual Report and on the ABET website.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact ABET headquarters at **(410) 347-7700** or **awards@abet.org**.

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