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ABET FELLOW AWARD

NOMINATION KIT



THE ABET AWARDS 2027

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INSTRUCTIONS

This kit is designed to help you nominate a peer for the ABET Fellow award.

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. Request ABET volunteer history. If you would like this information for your nominee, please email awards@abet.org by April 1.
3. Contact three to five persons to determine if they would be willing and eligible to complete a reference form. Please refer to Section V, Item 10, of the Guidelines for special requirements.
4. Review the Nomination to ensure all sections adhere to the word limits as indicated. Nominations that do not adhere to word limits will not be reviewed.
5. Complete and sign the Nomination Form.
6. Send a copy of the completed Nomination Form to each of the selected references.
7. Email the completed Nomination Form together with all references to awards@abet.org by April 20 and keep a copy for your records. Handwritten entries will not be accepted.

Deadline: April 20

Nominations are accepted year round, but the Nomination Form and the references considered in a given annual cycle must be received by email before our April 20 deadline. No exceptions will be granted.

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

ABET Fellow Award

Every ABET Expert promotes confidence in technical education. But those who truly embrace the power of our work and have a clear impact are named ABET Fellows.

The distinction of ABET Fellow is an honor that is conferred by our Board of Delegates. It recognizes individuals that surpass normal expectation by dedicating notable time and effort to achieving our endeavors.

THE CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY

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

Current or former members of ABET staff are eligible to receive the Fellow Award, but only based on contributions made in a volunteer role.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be chosen for the ABET Fellow award, your nominee will be judged against these criteria:

1. **Substantive contributions to ABET** including, but not limited to:
   a. Improvement of the accreditation process (including training volunteers and other stakeholders).
   b. Creative work at the interfaces between ABET and its constituent societies, universities, institutes, industry, and government and the public (this includes outreach and publication/presentation activities, especially those that aren't simply "ex officio").
   c. Or long-range leadership that positively affects technical education.
2. **Contributions to the criteria, policies and/or procedures** related to accreditation, whether through ABET or through participating society activity.
3. **Service in ABET capacities** in addition to that in a single ABET Commission (breadth of contribution).
4. **Active involvement** in the above activities with **demonstrable impact** (depth of contribution).
5. **Sustained service** to ABET (10 years minimum) as a program evaluator, commission member, committee member, director and/or delegate.

Outstanding contributions, in one of the areas listed, may offset less significant contributions in others except in unusual circumstances.

A maximum of 5 candidates are presented annually to our Board of Delegates by the Awards Committee.

ABET Fellow Award

Nomination Form

SUBMIT BY APRIL 20

ABET

1. NAME OF CANDIDATE

Last | **First** | **Middle**

Present Occupation

Position | **Organizaton**

Business Address

Street

City | **State** | **Zip**

2. EDUCATION

Institution	**Location**	**Degree** (discipline & level)	**Year**

3. PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Date From/To (Year)		**Name of Company/Institution**	**Position Title**

4. PROPOSED CITATION (not more than 30 words)

5. NOMINATOR SIGNATURE | **Date** | **ABET Affiliation**

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

Nominator's Last Name | **Nominator's First Name** | **Nominator's Middle Name**

Address

City | **State** | **Zip**

Phone | **Email**

6. INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Identify the most significant contribution that qualifies the candidate to be an ABET Fellow. Choose one and describe succinctly. Please refer to the Criteria for details. **(Limit 450 words)**

B. Explain why the contribution is significant and why it indicates performance substantially better than the average service to the engineering, technology, applied & natural science or computing profession through ABET activities. Please refer to the Criteria for details.
(Limit 450 words)

C. List other individual contributions. Please refer to the Criteria for details. **(Limit 450 words)**

7. TANGIBLE EVIDENCE List up to ten of the nominee's most significant publications, conferences/workshop presentations or other tangible evidence of unique accomplishments in program accreditation. **Limit information to space provided.**

8. ABET ACTIVITIES Please request your nominee's ABET Volunteer History to complete this section. Based on this information (which includes the nominee's roles and activities in ABET), please comment on the three most significant roles and specific contributions in these roles. **(Limit 200 words)**

9. NON-ABET ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES Describe the nominee's five most significant distinct program accreditation activities in the candidate's professional society (e.g., AIChE, ASME, IEEE, etc.) **Limit information to space provided and do not include sublists within these activities.**

10. REFERENCES Minimum of three required; no more than five will be considered. Two of the three minimum must be ABET Fellows. Provide complete names only in alphabetical order.

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REFERENCES

REFERENCE ELIGIBILITY

Persons eligible to serve as reference include past or present ABET Board members, past or present commissioners or committee members (except as noted below), and past or present accreditation program evaluators. **Members of the Awards Committee or the Fellow Award Subcommittee are ineligible to serve as reference.**

REFERENCE SUBMISSION

Please complete the reference form and adhere to the word limits indicated in each section. Handwritten copies are not permitted. Please return completed references to the nominator in PDF format.

A nomination will not be eligible for consideration by the ABET Fellow Subcommittee unless a minimum of three references, of which yours is one, are received by ABET Headquarters by **April 20**.

Thank you.

ABET Fellow Award

Reference Form

SUBMIT BY APRIL 20

NAME OF CANDIDATE

Last | **First** | **Middle**

NAME OF NOMINATOR

Last | **First** | **Middle**

REFERENCE NAME

Last | **First** | **Middle**

Address

Phone | **Email**

If you are not eligible or qualified to judge the work of the candidate, please check here and **notify the nominator immediately.** ☐

QUESTIONS

How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity? **(Limit 100 words)**

Check the box where the individual contributions of the nominee fall in the qualifications for ABET Fellow:

EXTRAORDINARILY QUALIFIED	HIGHLY QUALIFIED	QUALIFIED	MARGINALLY QUALIFIED	NOT YET QUALIFIED
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

REFERENCE SIGNATURE | **Date**

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

ABET Fellow Award

Reference Form

SUBMIT BY APRIL 20

On the basis of the work of the candidate and with respect to the criteria, please indicate how this candidate's contributions stand out from the norm? **(Limit 800 words)**

ABET FELLOW AWARD

Recipients

2026
Venancio L. Fuentes
Mark D. Lower
Scott Murray
S. K. Ramesh
Chris Taylor

2025
Bopaya Bidanda
Lois Mansfield
Richard Olawoyin
Judith L. Solano
Ece Yaprak

2024
Lizette Chevalier
David "Hoot" Gibson
Larraine A. Kapka
Philip A. Schenewerk
Carol E. Schulte

2023
Jean R. S. Blair
April C. Cheung
Diane Chong
Lorraine N. Fleming
Andrew T. Phillips

2022
Scott Danielson
Alice Greife
Kathleen A. Kramer
Rajendra K. Raj

2021
John K. Estell
Hamid Fonooni
Thomas M. Hall, Jr.
John H. Koon
Cary Laxer

2020
Ronald J. Bennett
Patricia Brackin
Jeffrey W. Fergus
Donna S. Reese

2019
Wayne R. Bergstrom
Scott C. Dunning
Jeffrey R. Keaton
Ann Lee Kenimer
Kenneth E. Martin

2018
Walter W. Buchanan
Mohammad H. Hosni
Stan Thomas

2017
David B. Beasley
Harold C. Grossman
John Andrew Orr
K. J. (Jamie) Rogers
John Sammarco

2016
Peter J. Carrato
Bret M. Clausen
Allen Parrish
Sarah J. Rajala

2015
Winston F. Erevelles
Karan L. Watson

2014
Douglas R. Bowman
David P. Kelly

2013
Barbara A. Price
Carol A. Richardson

2012
Warren R. Hill
Patrick J. Walsh
William J. Wepfer

2011
Henry R. Bauer, III
Gerald Engel
Michael S. Leonard
Gayle Yaverbaum

2010
Daniel J. Bradley
Robert L. Cannon
William E. Kelly

2009
Richard O. Anderson
Lawrence G. Jones
Arthur L. Price
Kay G. Schulze
Mary Leigh Wolfe

2008
Mario J. Gonzalez
Daniel B. Hodge
Robert M. Laurenson
Carl J. McHargue
Mark A. Pagano

2007
Della T. Bonnette
Phillip E. Borrowman
Daina M. Briedis
Susan O. Schall
A. Joseph Turner

2006
Patricia D. Daniels
Robert A. Herrick
David K. Holger
Doris K. Lidtke

2005
Susan E. Conry
Larry A. Kaye
Larry D. Nixon
Stuart H. Zweben

2004
Theodore A. Bickart
David E. Hornbeck
C.R. "Chuck" Pennoni

2003
E. Franklin Hart

2002
W. David Baker
Joseph L. Sussman

2001
Carl D. Avers
William G. Howard
James R. Welty

2000
Donald K. Anderson
Fred W. Emshousen
Ira D. Jacobson
Stanley I. Proctor

1999
M. Dayne Aldridge
Joseph A. Glad
Richard C. Seagrave

1998
Robert English
Jay Goldman

1997
Edward A. Parrish
Sam H. Wainwright
John A. Weese

1996
William S. Clark
James D. McBrayer
Elinor S. Pape
Christian E. G. Przirembel

1995
John T. Christian
Larry R. Foulke
Allen I. Ormsbee
Robert E. Schmidt
Richard F. Strickland

1994
L. Bryce Andersen
Eleanor Baum
Francis J. Cashin
Demetrius T. Paris
Lee W. Saperstein

1993
Jerrier A. Haddad
Raymond F. Neathery
Arnold M. Peskin
George D. Peterson
Winfred M. Phillips

1992
Leslie F. Benmark
John W. Enell
Durward R. Huffman
Robert H. Page
David R. Reyes-Guerra
Lawrence J. Wolf
V. Thomas Rhyne
Roland E. Thomas

1991
Frank E. Cotton
Robert L. Echols, Sr.
L.S. "Skip" Fletcher
Albert T. Kersich

1990
Robert R. Furgason
Robert D. Kersten
Ralph A. Morgen

1989
George C. Beakley
Stephen R. Cheshier
C.B. Gambrell
Edwin C. Jones
J.B. Jones
Russel C. Jones
Harriet B. Rigas
Robert L. Seale
Leighton E. Sissom
David R. Wilder

1988
Paul Allmendinger
Robert B. Beckmann
Stanley M. Brodsky
George Burnet
Richard G. Cunningham
Richard P. D'Onofrio
E. Leon Dunning
Edward W. Ernst
Richard Forberg
Lyman L. Francis
Gordon H. Geiger
Donald W. Gentry
Joseph J. Gershon
Richard Grace
Linton E. Grinter
Arnold J. Gully
Carl Hall
Newman A. Hall
Walter Hartung
Richard R. Hazen
W. Scott Hill
Charles V. Kirkpatrick
James G. Knudsen
Melvin R. Lohmann
Hugh E. McCallick
Gordon H. Millar
James H. Mulligan, Jr.
Gene M. Nordby
Irene C. Peden
Kenneth G. Picha
John W. Prados
Robert L. Reid
Paul E. Russell
Leo W. Ruth
William M. Sangster
Robert M. Saunders
Walter E. Thomas
James P. Todd
Richard J. Ungrodt
David A. VanHorn
Leland J. Walker
Ernst Weber
Ronald J. Williams
Robert L. Young

GUIDELINES

I. INTRODUCTION

Established by the ABET Board of Directors in 1988, the ABET Fellow designation is awarded by the Board, upon recommendation of the Awards Committee, in recognition of individuals who have given sustained, quality service to engineering, technology, applied & natural science or computing education and to their respective professions through the activities of ABET.

Each recipient receives a distinctive ABET lapel pin or necklace and a framed certificate. Letters and other publicity are sent to the recipients' employers, professional societies and appropriate publications upon consultation with the recipient.

The Fellow Subcommittee of the ABET Awards Committee is responsible for evaluating all nominations submitted and to recommend, through the Awards Committee, a maximum of five candidates to the Board of Delegates.

The successful nominees (and their nominators) will be informed of the selection in September and will receive their Fellow pins at the ABET Awards Celebration held at the Fall Meeting of the ABET Board of Delegates.

II. NOMINATION DEADLINE DATE

The deadline for submission of nominations is April 20. No late submissions will be accepted. This applies both to the Nomination Form and to the Reference Forms.

III. NOMINATORS AND THEIR BASIC FUNCTIONS

Anyone who is currently serving or has previously served on the ABET Board of Delegates, Commissions or Committees, or as an ABET Program Evaluator may submit one or more nominations.

Nominators are expected to follow the instructions contained in this document. Specifically, they must use the appropriate Fellow nomination and reference forms and adhere to word limits in these forms. Copy must be typed, using 10-point or larger type. Handwritten forms are not acceptable. All forms must be in PDF format.

Nominators are expected also to send a reference form and a copy of the completed Nomination Form to all individuals who have agreed to give a reference. Nominator is responsible for requesting references back for review of word counts and submission of completed nomination package to **awards@abet.org** by deadline of April 20.

IV. CRITERIA

Recipients of the ABET Fellow Award should be considered outstanding contributors to engineering, technology, applied sciences or computing education and their respective profession. Any of the following criteria uniquely or in combination will be used in the selection process:

1. **Substantive contributions to ABET** including, but not limited to:
   a. Improvement of the accreditation process (including training volunteers and other stakeholders).
   b. Creative work at the interfaces between ABET and its constituent societies, universities, institutes, industry, and government and the public (this includes outreach and publication/presentation activities, especially those that aren't simply "ex officio").
   c. Or long-range leadership that positively affects technical education.
2. **Formal involvement in ABET** as a program evaluator, commission member, committee member and/or representative director.
3. **Contributions to the criteria, policies and/or procedures** related to accreditation, whether through ABET or through participating society activity.
4. **Service in ABET capacities** in addition to that in a single ABET Commission (breadth of contribution).
5. Active involvement in the above activities with **demonstrable impact** (depth of contribution)
6. **Sustained service** to ABET (10 years minimum).

Outstanding contributions, in one of the areas listed, may offset less significant contributions in others except in unusual circumstances.

Persons involved in the current year's Fellow evaluation and selection process (e.g., Members of the Awards Committee and Fellow Subcommittee) are not eligible to be nominated for the ABET Fellow Award.

Current or former members of ABET staff are eligible to receive the Fellow Award, but only based on contributions made in a volunteer role.

V. FELLOW NOMINATION FORM

This section contains suggestions for completing the ABET Fellow Nomination Form. Exceeding the space provided in each block of the form will automatically disqualify the nomination. Attachments should not be appended. They will be discarded prior to consideration by the ABET Fellow Subcommittee.

ITEM 1 – PERSONAL DATA: Provide complete and accurate information, without abbreviations (except for obvious ones, such as State abbreviations).

ITEM 2 – EDUCATION: List degrees earned starting with the most recent one. Use abbreviations (e.g., B.S., M.S., Ph.D., etc.) as appropriate.

ITEM 3 – PROPOSED CITATION: In 30 or fewer words, specify the contribution of the nominee. Avoid flowery phrases, abbreviations, acronyms and the use of the pronouns "his" or "her."

ITEM 4 – NOMINATOR: The nominator is expected to ascertain the accuracy and completeness of the form and to sign and date the ABET Nomination Form.

ITEM 5 – PROFESSIONAL HISTORY: List positions starting with the most recent one.

ITEM 6 – INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: In succinct and clear terms, describe the contributions that distinguish the work of the candidate as outstanding, and most certainly above the average. *An important part of this description is an explanation of how the nominee's contributions are considered to be of a quality that is above the norm for those serving the constituent professions of ABET through its activities.*

Where possible, please assist the Committee by providing appropriate information to support your nomination. Refer to the Criteria for details. For example, "Nominee X led the process to modernize the Commission Y General Criteria.

Nominee X developed highly effective processes to obtain wide stakeholder involvement. These efforts led to approval of the changes by the Y Area Delegation and received singular praise from Provosts Z and W. [Criteria 3 and 5]."

ITEM 7 - TANGIBLE EVIDENCE: List up to ten of the nominee's publications, conference or workshop presentations or other tangible evidence of unique accomplishment in ABET program accreditation.

ITEM 8 - ABET ACTIVITIES: To complete this section, please request ABET Volunteer History from awards@abet.org. This history will include the nominee's roles and activities in ABET. Please comment on the three most significant roles and specific contributions in those roles.

Please note that service as a designated member is different than service as an alternate or as an observer.

Please be specific about the activity and the service.

ITEM 9 - NON-ABET ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES: Describe program accreditation activities in the candidate's professional society (e.g., AIChE, ASME, IEEE, etc.). Such activities might include, for example, service on the participating society standing or ad-hoc accreditation policy committee. The list should be in chronological order with the most recent activity last.

ITEM 10 - REFERENCES: References must be submitted on the appropriate form; no letters will be considered. Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of three but no more than five references. **At least two out of the minimum three references must be submitted by ABET Fellows.** To ensure that at least three reference forms are received, it is recommended that the nominator solicit five references, with at least three from Fellows. Persons eligible to serve as references include past or present ABET Board members, past or present Commissioners or Committee members (except as noted) and past or present Program Evaluators. **Present members of the Awards Committee and Fellow Subcommittee are not eligible to serve as references.** A list of ABET Fellows is attached.

The nominator should provide all persons submitting references with a copy of the completed Nomination Form as a source of information. The nominator must make certain that all persons submitting references are qualified to judge the candidate. **The completed nomination with all reference forms must be received by ABET Headquarters by the April 20 deadline.**

VI. RESUBMISSION OF NOMINATION

Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated for consideration in a subsequent year. Such nominations must follow the same protocol as the new nominations.