ABET

LINTON E. GRINTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

NOMINATION KIT



THE ABET AWARDS 2027

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INSTRUCTIONS

This kit is designed to help you nominate a peer for the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service 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. In your nomination statement, tightening the narrative, highlighting competitive differentiation and adding more measurable outcomes makes an already compelling case more powerful.
3. Request ABET volunteer history. If you would like this information for your nominee, please email awards@abet.org by April 1.
4. Contact several persons to determine if they would be willing and are eligible to serve as a reference. These letters of reference should attest to their knowledge of the candidate's contributions and the significance of these contributions.
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 in PDF format 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

Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award

The Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award honors an individual whose rare commitment and enduring impact has made ABET a better organization.

For this reason, a Grinter Award recipient may not be chosen every year, only when the discernable influence of one ABET Expert's tenure warrants singular recognition. Their achievements are not year-to-year, they span decades and have shaped the course of our work.

The award is our highest honor and the contributions of its recipients define our organization.

THE CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be chosen for the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award, your nominee will be judged against these criteria:

1. **STRATEGIC VISION**

   A leader that has used expert insight and keen foresight to guide our organization into the future.

2. **LASTING COMMITMENT**

   Genuinely dedicated to our organization and the work that we do, this individual has devoted decades to promoting our causes.

3. **DIRECT CONTRIBUTION**

   The accomplishments of this individual have been focused on the direct success of ABET.

4. **BROAD ENGAGEMENT**

   This ABET Expert has had a significant impact at multiple levels of our organization including (but not limited to):

   a. Program Evaluator
   b. Accreditation Commission Member
   c. Standing or Special Committee Member
   d. Elected Official

Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award

Nomination Form

DEADLINE: APRIL 20

I hereby nominate

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

to receive the ABET Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award. I am confident that the following specific contributions of this nominee to the work of ABET qualify him/her for the award.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Clearly describe the nature and significance of your nominee's accomplishments and address how these accomplishments have embodied the four selection criteria uniquely. Please make clear how you have personally observed the contributions of this individual.

There is no limit to the number of words or pages you may submit for the nomination. Please attach as a separate document.

AWARD CITATION

Write a suitable citation for the award that you are nominating. (50 words maximum)

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**

Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award

Reference Form

DEADLINE: APRIL 20

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SELECTING REFERENCES

There is no specific minimum or maximum on the number of references. However, quality of the recommendation, diversity of the references and stature of the references in terms of their knowledge and experience with ABET are more important than quantity. References should comment specifically on the accomplishments of the nominee against at least one aspect of the selection criteria.

To be chosen for the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award, your nominee will be judged against the following criteria: **Strategic Vision, Lasting Commitment, Direct Contribution and Broad Engagement.** In-depth descriptions for each category can be found on page 5.

REFERENCES

Reference letters should expand upon and/or introduce additional strengths. Ask each of your references to answer the following question with a two-page maximum response.

On the basis of the work of the candidate, which you are competent to judge, please indicate whether or not the candidate meets the requirements for the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award. What distinguishes this contribution from the norm?

Your letter of recommendation should be two pages maximum and sent to the nominator on your official masthead. If you do not have a masthead, please submit a word document in the form of letter.

	Full Name	Email
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Linton E. Grinter



In 1972, Dr. Linton E. Grinter received the first Distinguished Service Award from ABET's predecessor, the Engineer's Council for Professional Development (ECPD). To convey the lasting impact that his achievements would have, the award was immediately renamed in his honor.

Dr. Grinter was an outstanding leader, as a member of ECPD and as an academic. Among his many achievements, he chaired the committees that produced three reports that have had major effects on engineering education: (1) the 1945 Manual of Graduate Study in Engineering; (2) the groundbreaking 1955 Report of the Committee on Evaluation of Engineering Education, now known as "The Grinter Report"—a major work in the development of engineering curricula that outlines specific objectives for both the technical and humanities areas of study necessary for future engineers; and (3) the 1972 Report on Engineering Technology Education.

His professional career spanned over 50 years and included many awards and honors from his peers. From 1963-1967, Dr. Grinter served as Vice President and President of the ECPD. His powerful insight into the future of the engineering profession was not merely felt by the ECPD and the engineering education of his time; his enduring legacy continues to shape our work throughout technical education and across the globe.

Recipients of the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award are ABET Experts who follow in Grinter's footsteps, surpassing the highest expectations of effort and commitment. It is our organization's highest honor.

LINTON E. GRINTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Recipients

Scott Danielson (2026)
K. J. (Jamie) Rogers (2025)
Karan Lea Watson (2024)
Frank Hart (2021)
Susan E. Conry (2019)
Lawrence G. Jones (2018)
David K. Holger (2017)
M. Dayne Aldridge (2016)
Joseph L. Sussman (2015)
Larry A. Kaye (2014)
Robert A. Herrick (2013)
Stuart H. Zweben (2012)
A. Joseph Turner (2011)
Allen I. Ormsbee (2010)
George D. Peterson (2009)
Richard C. Seagrave (2008)
Jerry R. Yeargan (2006)
Lee W. Saperstein (2004)
Leroy "Skip" Fletcher (2002)
Edwin C. Jones, Jr. (2001)
Winfred M. Phillips (2000)
Richard P. D'Onofrio (1999)
Albert T. Kersich (1998)
Robert R. Furgason (1996)
Stanley M. Brodsky (1995)
Leslie F. Benmark (1994)
John W. Prados (1993)
Edward W. Ernst (1992)
Irene C. Peden (1991)
William Sangster (1990)
Richard E. Grace (1989)
Richard Ungrodt (1988)
James H. Mulligan, Jr. (1987)
Paul F. Allmendinger (1986)
Leland J. Walker (1985)
George Burnet (1984)
Richard G. Cunningham (1983)
Gene M. Nordby (1982)
William H. Corcoran (1982)
Robert B. Beckmann (1980)
Ernst Weber (1978)
M. R. Lohmann (1977)
William Phelps Kimball (1976)
R. Harold Hazen (1975)
William L. Everitt (1973)
Linton E. Grinter (1972)

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.

Members of the ABET Awards Committee or Grinter Award Subcommittee are **ineligible** to serve as nominators or references for Grinter Award candidates. However, unsuccessful candidates may be re-nominated for consideration in a subsequent year.

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

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

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