

GUIDELINE

for the ISRM Young Rock Engineer Award

(approved by the Board on 21 October 2020)

1. NAME AND NATURE OF THE AWARDS

- (a) The ISRM Young Rock Engineer Award acknowledges excellence in the field of rock engineering by ISRM members who are in early stages of their career. It recognizes the achievements of outstanding young rock engineering professionals and promotes those who have shown innovation and resourcefulness in their work and have demonstrated contributions in topics of importance to the state-of-practice.
- (b) The ISRM Young Rock Engineer Award is conferred in recognition of one or more of the following achievements in rock engineering practice:
 - novelty of the nominee's contribution to solve engineering problems and/or develop original design solutions;
 - pioneering in the use of materials and/or methods;
 - contribution to sustainable engineering practices;
 - contribution to and promotion of the engineering profession.
- (c) One award shall be conferred by the ISRM President, on an annual basis, at the International Symposium or the Congress of the ISRM, to a nominee meeting the following requirements at the time of submission of the application:
 - be an ISRM individual member;
 - have a maximum age of 40 years;
 - have worked in rock engineering within the relevant industry for a period of about five to ten years.

2. NOMINATION

- (a) Nominations for the award shall be by the nominee's National Group, or by some other person or organization acquainted with the nominee's work. Self-nominations are not accepted.
- (b) Nominations shall contain:
 - two reference letters, not exceeding 500 words, introducing the nominee and the nominee's main accomplishments.
 - a brief, descriptive report by the nominee, not exceeding 1,000 words, addressing the nominee's achievements in rock engineering practice to be considered for the award.
 - the nominee's curriculum vitae, not exceeding 1,000 words, including practical industry experience.
- (c) Nominations may include attachments, such as published articles on the achievement or patent certificates.
- (d) Nominations for the award are to be addressed to the ISRM Secretary General and submitted 6 months before the ISRM International Symposium where the award will be given.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Decision on conferring the awards is taken by the Board. A selection committee consisting of five members from the Board and Fellows shall analyse the nominations and submit a proposal to the Board for discussion and approval.

4. CONFERRING OF THE AWARD

- (a) The winner will receive a certificate of commendation signed by the ISRM President during the award ceremony.
- (b) The winner will be requested to present a video with a maximum of 10 minutes describing the achievements, to be shown during the award ceremony, and a paper to be published in the ISRM News Journal. Both shall focus on technical issues, while minimizing commercial contents.