



ENGINEERS &
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ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC AWARDS TERMS OF REFERENCE

Engineers and Geoscientists BC Awards are British Columbia's top awards for professional engineers, professional geoscientists, and professional licensees, and have been developed to recognize the exemplary and outstanding professional, technical, and volunteer contributions of our registrants in enhancing public safety in BC.

Nominations are sought annually in January for selection in June, and presentation each October. The terms of reference for all award categories are presented here for the information of possible nominators.

Completed nominations, along with supporting information, should be submitted through the [online award nomination form](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023. Hard copies are not required. Should you wish to submit a nomination by email, please send it to awards@egbc.ca.

Note that current Engineers and Geoscientists BC staff and Council members are not eligible for an Engineers and Geoscientists BC Award. Current members of staff, Council, and Standing Awards Advisory Group members should not nominate candidates. Awards may be conferred posthumously at the discretion of the Standing Awards Advisory Group; however, the nominee must be living at the time of nomination.

Engineers and Geoscientists BC recognizes the importance and value of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) within the professions of engineering and geoscience as part of our regulatory mandate. For more information on our values and commitment to EDI, read our [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement](#) on our website.

Award Descriptions

The following paragraphs provide examples of **Professional and Technical Achievements** and **Volunteer Service**, where not described in the award descriptions that follow.

Professional and Technical Achievements describe the nominee's contributions in the context of their professional role or career. This could include having shown exceptional leadership in engineering or geoscience or making lasting technical contributions that enhance public safety, public welfare, or environmental protection.

Volunteer Service describes the nominee's contributions as a volunteer with Engineers and Geoscientists BC, Engineers Canada, Geoscientists Canada, or other professional or technical organizations related to engineering or geoscience that contribute to advancing professional practice and/or public safety in BC.

The McLachlan Award for Outstanding Achievement in Engineering

Eligibility: P.Eng., P.L.Eng.

Criteria: The candidate is a recognized leader who has made significant professional and technical achievements to professional engineering and has demonstrated substantial volunteer service, preferably to Engineers and Geoscientists BC. The candidate has exhibited concern for public welfare that characterizes the profession at its best. The candidate should be actively engaged in the practice of professional engineering in BC.

Evaluation: For guidance, candidates will be evaluated 60% for professional and technical achievements in engineering and 40% for volunteer service. Refer to above descriptions of professional and technical achievements and volunteer service.

Preference will be given to a candidate with volunteer service to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

The Westerman Award for Outstanding Achievement in Geoscience

Eligibility: P.Geo., P.L.Geo.

Criteria: The candidate is a recognized leader who has made significant professional and technical achievements to professional geoscience and has demonstrated substantial volunteer service, preferably to Engineers and Geoscientists BC. The candidate has advanced public recognition of professional geoscience in BC and done so with high levels of dedication and integrity. The candidate should be actively engaged in the practice of professional geoscience in BC.

Evaluation: For guidance, candidates will be evaluated 60% for professional and technical achievements in geoscience and 40% for volunteer service. Refer to above descriptions and examples of professional and technical achievements and volunteer service.

Preference will be given to a candidate with volunteer service to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

The Meritorious Achievement Award

Eligibility: P.Eng., P.Geo., P.L.Eng., or P.L.Geo.

Criteria: The candidate has achieved distinction and outstanding goals associated with their profession that has enhanced the safety, wellbeing, or interest of the public. The achievement may be the result of a single activity or the culmination of a number of activities. Examples of professional achievements may include the discovery of a new process or procedure, leadership of a team that reaches national or international distinction, or achievement of a goal against considerable odds through determination and personal drive.

Evaluation: For guidance, candidates will be evaluated 80% for professional and technical achievements to engineering or geoscience and 20% for volunteer service. Refer to above descriptions and examples of professional and technical achievements and volunteer service.

The Lambert Award for Volunteer Service

Eligibility: P.Eng., P.Geo., P.L.Eng., or P.L.Geo.

Criteria: The candidate has made a substantial or sustained contribution of professional service, through leadership and dedication in a volunteer capacity, to Engineers and Geoscientists BC. Examples of professional service can include, but are not limited to, having served on an Engineers and Geoscientists

BC advisory group, statutory committee, branch or division; having contributed to the development of professional practice guidelines and resources, or serving as a mentor.

Evaluation: For guidance, candidates will be evaluated 80% for volunteer service and 20% for professional and technical achievements. Refer to above descriptions and examples of professional and technical achievements and volunteer service.

The Young Professional Award

Eligibility: P.Eng., P.Geo., P.L.Eng., or P.L.Geo.; no older than 40 years of age when the award is presented.

Criteria: The candidate has demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in relation to their profession and towards enhancing public safety in BC, and gives back to their profession through volunteer service, preferably to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

Evaluation: For guidance, candidates will be evaluated 60% for professional and technical achievements to engineering or geoscience, and 40% for volunteer service. Refer to above descriptions and examples of professional and technical achievements and volunteer service.

Preference will be given to a candidate with volunteer service to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award

Eligibility: P.Eng., P.Geo., P.L.Eng., or P.L.Geo. In special circumstances, at the discretion of the Advisory Group, this award may be considered for a non-engineer or non-geoscientist who has contributed significantly to the furtherance of EDI in the engineering and geoscience professions in British Columbia.

Criteria: The candidate has made significant contributions to EDI initiatives that have had a positive impact on removing barriers to greater equity, diversity, and inclusion in the engineering and geoscience professions in British Columbia. Examples include community outreach and engagement, serving as a role model within the professions, promoting careers in engineering or geoscience, and/or fostering a work environment that promotes and values EDI.

Evaluation: Evaluation will consider candidates' contributions, either personally or through recognized societies and organizations, to EDI initiatives. Nominations should clearly communicate the nominee's direct and personal contributions or actions and how these had a significant, positive impact on advancing greater equity, diversity, and inclusion in the engineering and/or geoscience professions in British Columbia.