

Call for applications/ nominations for IEEE India Council Awards - 2023

IEEE, world's largest professional organisation, works for advancing *Technology for Humanity*. It operates in 10 regions across the globe and IEEE India Council (IC) comes under Asia Pacific Region 10. IEEE IC acts as a consortium of 13 Sections in India which collectively have around 50000 members and this is the largest count among Asia Pacific countries. The council undertakes tasks that can be best done together by the Sections. It enables mechanisms to supplement initiatives and programs of these Sections. Membership development, involving students in IEEE activities, encouraging young professionals to innovate, organization of flagship conferences, etc., are some of the important activities of the Sections. IEEE IC honours achievements of IEEE Members through Lifetime Achievement Awards, Technology Awards, Volunteer Awards, and Student Branch Awards. The following specific awards are constituted to recognize the individual or collective efforts of the membership in promoting the Mission and Vision of IEEE as reflected in the operation of the India Council and its entities.

A. Life Time Achievement Awards

1. **IEEE IC-Life Time Achievement (LTA) for Council Chairs:** This award is to recognize an exceptional individual, who was a past Council Chair, and has made outstanding career-long contributions in the fields of relevance to IEEE at the national level. The individual should have continued to significantly contribute to a Section/ Sub-Section, India Council, MGA, and Region-10 even after finishing term as Council Chair.
2. **IEEE IC-LTA for Sub-Section/ Section Chairs:** This award is to recognize past Section/ Sub-section Chairs who have significantly contributed to IEEE objectives by volunteering activities through various positions and by significantly enhancing his/her Section's activities and outreach. The individual should have continued to significantly contribute to his/her Section/ Sub-Section and India Council even after finishing term as Section/ Sub-Section Chair.

B. Technology Awards

1. **Technologist of the Year:** The objective of this award is to recognize individual technical excellence from a professional leading to societal benefits in the fields of relevance to IEEE.
2. **Woman Technologist of the Year:** The objective of this award is to recognize individual technical excellence from a female professional leading to societal benefits in the fields of relevance to IEEE.
3. **Technology Start-up Award:** The objective of this award is to recognize contributions of technology start-up organization, registered as start-up in India, leading to societal benefits in the fields of relevance to IEEE.

For Technology Awards, contributions should have been made while working in India. A person who has received an award in any of the categories in the last 2 years is not eligible for nomination in the same category.

C. Volunteer Awards

The primary criterion for selection for the following five volunteer awards is enthusiastic support of volunteers to the IEEE activities. Volunteering at the Section/Chapter/IC level can be at various forums like conferences, seminars, symposiums, technical talks, etc., organised by the branch, subsection, and section. The first award is for volunteers greater than 35 years of age (as on 01-12-2023).

1. **Outstanding Volunteer Awards**
2. **Outstanding Student Volunteer Awards**
3. **Outstanding WiE Student Volunteer Awards**
4. **Outstanding WiE Professional Volunteer Awards**
5. **Outstanding YP Volunteer Awards**

For Volunteer Awards, contributions should have been made while working in India, preferably in the last 2 years. For Professionals, the person should be a member of the IEEE for at least the last 5 Years. For YP awards, the YP membership is compulsory.

D. Outstanding Student Branch Awards

The following two awards are for recognizing contributions made by the IEEE student branches in increasing the awareness about IEEE and the value addition the branches have brought into the campus. The award will be decided based on various factors like the current membership count, growth of members, membership retention, number of seminars/ symposiums/ colloquiums conducted, papers published/ presented in various forums by members, awards won by members, and significant value addition to the campus. For qualifying for the 'Emerging Student Branch Award', the Branch should not be more than three years old.

1. **Outstanding Student Branch Award**
2. **Outstanding Emerging Student Branch Award**

For Student Branch Awards, contributions should have been made preferably in the last 1 year.

Eligibility

For the Life Time Achievement Awards (Category A), applicants must upload the nominator's covering letter with recommendation, without which applications will not

be considered. IEEE Senior or higher-grade Members can nominate any IEEE Member for these two awards. Nominees (applicants) must be IEEE Members from India.

For Technology, Volunteer and Student Branch Awards (Categories B, C, and D), any IEEE Member including Student Members can apply.

Application Process

Applications have to be submitted online at the Awards Management Portal of IEEE India Council: www.ieeeicawards.com

An applicant or nominee should select the most appropriate award. An IEEE Member will be considered for only one award in above categories. Details for awardees of previous years can be seen at <https://site.ieee.org/indiacouncil/student-activities/awards/>

When one logs into Awards Management Portal, there would be a few text boxes with limits on characters, wherein information needs to be filled in. It is suggested that information should be typed in any text editor, the number of characters should be checked, and then the information can be copy-pasted into the text boxes.

Also, one pdf file containing CV and endorsements should be uploaded at the interface (size limit: 2 MB). Maximum two endorsements from professionals can be submitted.

A. LTA Awards: The award, “IEEE IC-Life Time Achievement (LTA) for Council Chairs”, will be selected by the IEEE IC LTA Awards committee from invitations by the committee. No nomination is required for this category. For “IEEE IC-LTA for Sub-Section/ Section Chairs”, an IEEE Senior or higher-grade Member can nominate any IEEE Member for this award. Nominees (applicants) must be IEEE Members from India. An applicant must also upload (as a part of the same PDF file) a forwarding cover letter of the nominator on a letterhead highlighting important contributions while recommending for the award, without which the application will not be considered. Two endorsement letters from working professionals (one from outside the applicant's organization) are desirable.

B. Technology Awards: At least one endorsement letter should be from a beneficiary of the developed technology.

C. Volunteer Awards: One endorsement from Section/ Sub-Section/ Chapter Chair or any responsible senior IEEE volunteer, who is aware of the applicant's volunteering work, is desirable. In case of student volunteers, an endorsement from the Student Activities Chair is essential.

D. Student Branch Awards: An endorsement from the Student Activities Chair is essential.

Applications can be submitted online on the portal between 15th August, 2023 to 15th September, 2023.