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Selection of Young Geotechnical Engineers to attend the Seventh International Young Geotechnical Engineering Conference (7iYGEC'21), September 10th to 12th, 2021, Sydney, Australia

General

The Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS) wishes to select and nominate two distinguished young geotechnical engineers to represent the society at the Seventh International Young Geotechnical Engineering Conference (7iYGEC). The Conference venue is the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia. The 7iYGEC conference will take place the three days prior to the start of the 20th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering in September 2021 (ICSMGE 2021).

Award

A funding allowance for travel for the top two ranking candidates will be provided by the CGS, and this travel award is in accordance with the key objectives of the society to support activities that recognize geotechnical excellence in Canada. The award is administered through the CGS Education Committee.

Eligibility Criteria and Selection Process

Any Canadian or permanent resident who is: (i) 35 years or younger at the time of the conference; (ii) active, 2020 CGS Member or Student Member in good standing; (iii) a student registered in a Canadian university graduate (Masters or PhD) program and/or employed by a Canadian engineering firm, that is directly related to an identified field of geotechnique, is eligible.

Identified fields of geotechnique include: geotechnical engineering, engineering geology, geological engineering, mining engineering, geoenvironmental engineering or geoscience. The Selection Committee members will adjudicate all nominations received by the deadline, and will select the winners. Each nomination will be ranked, by each committee member, in the following four categories:

1. Leadership / activity in the geotechnical community (participation in the CGS, organization of conferences/special events, university student organizations, etc.);
2. Contribution to practice (consulting experience, technology transfer);
3. Publications/presentations (journal papers, conference papers, patents, workshops, etc.);
4. In the case of students, academic standing in graduate courses; and
5. Submission of an appropriate 250-word abstract (in English or French) of the proposed presentation (and paper) on any topic related to geotechnical engineering, geological engineering, geoenvironmental engineering or geoscience.

Preference will be given to those nominees who have been active, or have shown leadership, in the geotechnical community and CGS-related activities. Two candidates with the best scores would be selected by the committee members using a voting process. Once the winners have been selected, the winners' name/contact information will be communicated to the Chair of the Education Committee and the Society Secretariat.

Nomination

Nominations for the award may be made by the nominees or their employer/supervisor to CGS Headquarters (E-mail: admin@cgs.ca) by October 11, 2021. The nomination document shall not exceed 3 standard letter-size pages (Times Roman size-12 font).

Mechanism for awarding the scholarship

The 7iYGEC Travel Award Selection Committee, and a Chairperson for the committee, has been convened. Once the Selection Committee has completed the selection process, the two award winners will be contacted by CGS via e-mail on or before October 23, 2021.

Award Presentation and Announcements

Names of the winners will be announced and recognized at the Society's Awards Presentation ceremonies during the 2022 annual Canadian Geotechnical Conference. Names of the winners will be published in CGS News and the Society's Annual Report.