2022 TCSE Distinguished Synergy Award Criteria

1. General

The TCSE Distinguished Synergy Award is presented annually to a team for outstanding contributions that stand as a model in the software engineering community of effective partnership between industry and universities. *The Committee will also consider nominations of independent research centres.*

2. Detailed Criteria for the Award

The Committee seeks to acknowledge organizations engaged in

Collaboration between a University or Research Institute (herein called the Research Institute) and industry that can demonstrate:

2.1 Involved joint research projects with significant participation from industry, which goes beyond grants by one party to another, and, at least two of the following:

2.2 Has led to improved software engineering practices within the industrial partners, through the adoption of research results produced by the Research Institute

2.3 Has led to new software engineering practices that can be and have been disseminated beyond the projects themselves, drawn from and informed by industrial practice

2.4 Has led to the improvement of existing practices, in particular, which enhance their adoptability and dissemination. This includes proving that some existing paradigm does not work, or, is not applicable in a particular domain

2.5 Demonstrated that they are considered a model followed by others.

2.6 Other contributions, which in the opinion of the Committee, warrant the award.

A recipient of the Award would be expected to provide a strong claim to 2.1, and at least two of 2.2 to 2.5, however, strong claims on criteria 2.2 and 2.5 would be highly regarded.

Nominators are encouraged to provide information or links to information verifying the claims, and to make sure that the links are valid. Nominators wishing their candidate to be considered primarily under 2.6 would need to have a very strong case.

ELIGIBILITY
A nominee must be an IEEE Computer Society and TCSE member at the time of nomination (unless the nominee is an institution).

SOLICITATION
The Committee may solicit nominations for the awards either personally or through mailing lists such as SEWORLD and TCSE. The Committee may solicit past nominators to re-submit nominations from the previous year, if appropriate.

Self-nominations will not be considered. Nominees that have already received the award should not be considered. For a list of previous award winners see https://tc.computer.org/tcse/awards/

The Committee reserves the right to solicit nominations, and, if appropriate, may make no award in the current year. For example, if an award category receives less than three nominations, that category will be canceled.

The Committee may propose one or two award winners (and for two winners, there must be at least six nominations).

NOMINATION PACKAGE
- Nominator: name, address, phone number, and email address of the person making the nomination.
- Nominee: name, address, phone number, and email address of the individual (not self nominated) or institution for whom an award is recommended.
- A short statement (200-500 words) explaining why the nominee deserves the recommended award.
- A letter from the nominee saying "I accept this nomination" and "my IEEE membership number is XXX".
- Supporting letters from two people in addition to the nominator.
- The vitae or detailed biographical summary of the nominee, or document highlighting the story of the institution, mission/goals, and what its impact has been on software engineering.

It is at the discretion of the Committee member to evaluate any additional information included in the package.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION PACKAGE
A nomination package should be emailed, as a single PDF file attachment, to tcse-awards@computer.org with the subject line "Submission 2022 TCSE AWARD NAME".

General inquiries about the TCSE Awards may be directed to the 2022 TCSE Awards Chair, Nelly Bencomo <nelly.bencomo@durham.ac.uk> and Tim Menzies <timm@ieee.org>.