2024 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 centers.

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:

2.1 Involved joint research projects with significant participation from industry, which goes beyond grants by one party to another.

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 adoption and dissemination. This includes proving that some existing paradigm does not work, or, is not applicable in a particular domain.

2.5 Provided 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 criterion 2.1, and satisfy at least two among criteria 2.2 to 2.5, however, strong claims on criteria 2.2 and 2.5 would be highly regarded.

Nominators wishing their candidate to be considered primarily under 2.6 would need to have a very strong case.

Nominators are encouraged to provide information or links to information verifying the claims, and to make sure that the links are valid.