

## **2026 TCSE Software Engineering Distinguished Service Award Criteria**

### **1. General**

TCSE Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding and/or sustained contributions and service to the software engineering community, to TCSE, to the IEEE Computer Society, and to the IEEE. The ideal nominee will have provided service to TCSE and its conferences, but nominations of individuals who have provided service to the software engineering community in general will also be considered.

### **2. Detailed Criteria for the Award**

The Committee expects a recipient of the Award to excel in 2.1 and/or 2.2 below. For a nominee to be considered primarily under criterion 2.3, an exceptionally strong case would be needed:

2.1. The nominee has made exceptional contributions to the software engineering community (particularly TCSE) over an extended period, in areas such as

- Software engineering conference leadership and organization
- Software engineering journal or magazine editorship
- Leadership roles in software engineering volunteer organizations

2.2. The nominee has played an outstanding leadership role in promoting the field (and sub-fields or disciplines) of software engineering.

2.3. The nominee has made other outstanding contributions that, in the opinion of the Committee, warrant the award.

Nominators should provide information or URLs to information that support claims made in the nomination, and check that the URLs are valid.

Find details about the eligibility and conflict of interest rules, nomination package, and nomination and selection processes [here](#).