

2026 TCSE Software Engineering Distinguished Education Award Criteria

1. General

TCSE Distinguished Education Award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding and/or sustained contributions to software engineering education.

2. Detailed Criteria for the Award

The Committee expects a recipient of the Award to excel in at least three among criteria 2.1 to 2.4 below, with evidence of criterion 2.2 highly regarded. For a nominee to be considered primarily under criterion 2.5, an exceptionally strong case would be needed:

- 2.1 The nominee has influenced the *practice* of Software Engineering education at an international level and over an extended period of time, e.g.
 - Influenced software engineering standards and accreditation in multiple world regions, e.g. the Americas, Asia, Europe, Africa, etc..
 - Developed degree programs used as models by Software Engineering educators in multiple world regions.
- 2.2 The nominee has performed pioneering work that had a seminal impact on the field of Software Engineering Education in multiple world regions.
- 2.3 Teaching materials for Software Engineering Education developed by the nominee have been adopted in multiple world regions, e.g.
 - New course syllabi
 - Novel assignments and compelling team projects.
- 2.4 The nominee has played an outstanding leadership role in promoting Software Engineering Education in multiple world regions.
- 2.5 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](#).