

2026 TCSE Distinguished Synergy Award Criteria

1. General

TCSE Distinguished Synergy Award is presented annually to a Research Center or Institute for outstanding contributions that stand as an exemplar in the software engineering community of an effective partnership between industry and universities.

2. Detailed Criteria for the Award

A nominated Center/Institute for the Award should exemplify a collaboration between academia and industry. The Committee expects a recipient of the Award to excel in criteria 2.1 to 2.4 below. For a nominee to be considered primarily under criterion 2.5, an exceptionally strong case would be needed:

2.1 The nominee has a notable track record of conducting multiple synergistic projects.

2.2 The synergistic projects have advanced both industry practice and academic research.

2.3 The nominee played an essential role in ensuring the success of the synergistic projects.

2.4 The synergistic projects have served as examples/models that others have followed and/or built on.

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](#).