2023 SSM/NDE Award contacts:
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There are two separate awards given at the SPIE Smart Structures + Nondestructive Evaluation Symposium each year:
- SSM Lifetime Achievement Award (1 per year)
- NDE Lifetime Achievement Award (1 per year)

Description of the awards
These awards recognize senior researchers who have made significant contributions to the field of Smart Structures and Materials (SSM) or Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) and who have been instrumental in their growth. The award decision is based on the extent of the nominee’s impact on our community and participation in the SPIE Smart Structures + Nondestructive Evaluation symposium. The prize consists of an SPIE certificate and a plenary talk at the symposium the following year.

Criteria for nomination
- The nominee must have a minimum of 25 years after a first degree in science or engineering, or more than 20 years after a PhD
- The nominator must submit a two-page nomination letter, emphasizing the nominee’s qualifications, their contributions to the field, and their notable impact on the field
- The nomination package must include the nominee’s three-page (maximum) resumé.
- The nomination package may contain up to two (maximum) support letters (optional).

Award selection procedure
1. The SPIE SSM/NDE Symposium Co-chairs will serve as the chairs of the award committee. Members of the award committee include the five past winners and all current SS/NDE Conference Chairs and Co-chairs
2. Nominations are open to all and are received at large from any source
3. Nominations are carried over for two years, after which they must be resubmitted
4. The award committee chairs solicit nominations starting at the Call for Papers stage (~47 weeks before the meeting).
5. Nominations are due to the award committee chairs by 25 July 2022 (~33 weeks before the meeting).
6. The award committee chairs organize a vote of the award committee members. The list of nominees and nomination packages are circulated to the award committee members by 15 August 2022 (~30 weeks before the meeting).
7. Award committee members then rank their top three choices. These ranked choices are then weighted and tabulated according to the following scoring process:

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8. In the event of a tie, the same number of points is given, e.g., if two candidates tie for second, they both receive three points.

9. The award committee members must return their votes to the appropriate committee chair (see above for email addresses) no later than 12 September (~26 weeks before the meeting). The committee will make the final decision by 26 September 2022 (24 weeks before the meeting – this date is important as the winner names are included in the Advance program). The committee chair will forward the decision to Courtney Kendall (ckendall@spie.org).

10. The committee chairs will contact the winners to request their presence at the SPIE SS/NDE Symposium. The awards are announced each year at the SPIE meeting before a plenary session.

11. The awards may not be given if the committee determines there are no suitable nominees or if funds are not available.

*If a member of the award committee is nominated for either award, they must then recuse themselves from the voting process.*