

**GUIDELINES****ATSE Awards 2026****BATTERHAM MEDAL FOR  
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

The Batterham Medal is an Award of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) made to an early career graduate engineer who has achieved substantial peer and industry recognition for their work in the past five (5) years.

Engineers in the private, public and academic sectors are all eligible. The Award consists of the Batterham Medal and a cash prize of \$5,000. It is sponsored by the Group of Eight Deans of Engineering and Associates. This Award is announced by ATSE annually.

ATSE encourages nominations supporting outstanding diverse candidates including women who have made exceptional contributions to their discipline.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE****Tuesday 12 May 2026 close of business****AWARD PURPOSE**

- Elevate the profession of engineering among the technology and innovation communities.
- Draw attention of federal and state parliamentarians and administrators to the key role engineers play in the nation's development.
- Reinforce with these communities the contribution engineering makes to Australia's reputation as a centre of technology and innovation leadership.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Awardee will have:

1. Demonstrated excellence, innovation and commercial impact in a field of engineering.
2. Clearly demonstrated a signature contribution to engineering in the five (5) years prior to their nomination.
3. Advanced the standing of the engineering profession.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Awardee must be:

1. An engineering graduate of an Australian university, who has completed a coursework Australian Engineering degree, either BEng, BEng/MEng or MEng. Legally certified PDF certificate to be attached.
2. No more than 40 years of age on the first day of the year in which the Award is made. We're committed to ensuring equity of access for all of our awards. Applicants who have had career interruptions because of family or carer responsibilities are eligible for extensions to the time criterion, equivalent to the length of the career breaks or illness. We strongly encourage applicants to get in touch with us to discuss your situation.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Current members of ATSE's Board or of the Batterham Medal Committee are not eligible to be a Proposer, Seconder or Referee for this Award.

Each nomination must be made by a Proposer (who submits the nomination form) and supported by a Seconder (who supports the nomination with a letter addressing the work for which the nomination has been made). One or both of the Proposer and Seconder must be a professional engineer.

In addition, the Referee for the application should be an industry or technical expert in the Nominee's field who can comment on the Nominee's signature contribution to the field. It is strongly encouraged that Referees are not the Nominee's direct supervisor or manager.

The Nominee must acknowledge and confirm facts attested in the nomination. Self-nominations will be excluded.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF WINNER**

Each Nominee will give permission for details contained in the nomination to be released to the members of the Selection Committee (both those listed in the nomination form and external Referees) for the purposes of the selection process.

Whenever such material is considered by the Selection Committee, this information and details of their deliberations and recommendations will remain confidential. The Nominee should note that a description of the work being acclaimed, and images of the winner will be publicised.

The winner of the Batterham Medal will be expected to:

- Attend the annual ATSE Awards ceremony (details to be advised).
- Participate in activities as reasonably requested by ATSE within 12 months of receiving the award to promote the importance of engineering to federal and state parliamentarians and administrators, and the technology and innovation communities, to reinforce with these communities the contribution engineering makes to Australia's reputation as a centre of technology and innovation leadership.
- Work with ATSE professional staff and Fellows to promote the importance of engineering.

## **NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

The following materials constitute a complete nomination:

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Engineering Graduate of an Australian university with coursework for an Australian Engineering degree. Legally certified PDF certificate attached.
- Age. Legally certified PDF evidence attached.

### **Proposer and Nominee details including contact information**

#### **Current role**

#### **Supporting statements**

- Executive overview (Maximum 100 words)
- Selection criteria
- Excellence, innovation and impact in the field of engineering (Maximum 500 words)
- Peer acknowledgement of signature contribution to engineering in the five years prior to nomination
- Advanced the standing of the engineering profession (Maximum 500 words)

#### **Supporting documents**

- Seconded details and letter
- Referee letter (Referee letter from an industry or technical expert in the Nominee's field attached)

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## **APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

### **Tuesday 12 May 2026 close of business**

Only electronic submissions of nominations and attachments will be accepted. Incomplete applications and any received after the closing time and date will not be considered. All decisions taken by the Selection Committee will be final.

## **ADVICE AND INFORMATION**

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