

# BATTERHAM MEDAL FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE



## GUIDELINES

The Batterham Medal is an early career award for a graduate engineer who has achieved substantial peer/industry recognition for his / her work in the past five years. The award consists of a medal (Batterham Medal) and a cash prize of \$5000 sponsored by the Go8 Deans of Engineering and Associates.

**The Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering administers the award, and the Medal will be presented at the Innovation and Excellence Awards dinner on 11 June 2020 in Melbourne.**

### Award purpose

- Elevate the profession of engineering among the technology and innovation communities.
- Bring to the attention of Federal and State Parliamentarians and administrators 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.

### Award selection criteria

The Awardee will:

- Have demonstrated excellence, innovation and impact in a field of engineering.
- Have clearly demonstrated a signature contribution to engineering in the five years prior to their nomination.
- Have advanced the standing of the engineering profession.

### Award eligibility criteria

The Awardee will:

- Be an engineering graduate of an Australian university.
- Be 40 years or under on the first day of the year in which the Award is made. Applicants who have experienced career interruptions for family or carer responsibilities are eligible for an extension to this age limit, for the period equivalent to the interruption.

### Applications close

**9:00am AEST Monday 23 March 2020**

## Eligibility and nomination of candidates

Candidates for the Batterham Medal must be nominated by an individual Proposer and an individual Seconder. One of these must be a professional engineer (a person with a graduate qualification in engineering from a recognised university or equivalent).

The Proposer is to complete the Batterham Medal Nomination form and ensure all required supporting documents are legally certified, if required, and submitted by the closing time and date.

The Seconder will support the nomination with a letter clearly indicating her / his detailed knowledge of the work for which the nomination has been made.

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 not be the nominee's direct supervisor or manager.

Self-nominations will be excluded.

Eligibility is limited to:

- Engineering graduates of Australian universities.
- Persons who are 40 years or under on the first day of the year in which the Award is made. Applicants who have experienced career interruptions due to family or carer responsibilities are eligible for an extension to this criterion, for the period equivalent to the interruption.

The Nominee must acknowledge the nomination by signature, thus confirming the facts attested in the nomination (electronic signature acceptable).

Winners of other professional, state, national or international awards are eligible for the Batterham Medal, providing they meet all other eligibility criteria.

## Assessment criteria and selection

All eligible nominations for the Batterham Medal will be considered by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will be drawn from leading engineering specialist members of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering and will include a nominee of the Go8 Deans of Engineering and Associates.

The Selection Committee may seek assistance from appropriate learned specialists, professional associations or consultants.

The Selection Committee will assess all eligible nominations against the following key criteria:

- Have demonstrated excellence, innovation and impact in a field of engineering
- Have clearly demonstrated a signature contribution to engineering in the five years prior to their nomination.
- Have advanced the standing of the engineering profession.

Each sub criterion will be given equal weighting by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will, in its absolute discretion, select the proposed winner of the Batterham Medal on the basis of the key criteria. The Selection Committee's recommendation will be submitted to the Go8 Deans of Engineering and Associates for endorsement.

The winner will be notified by the Academy by the end of April 2020.

All decisions taken by the Batterham Medal Selection Committee shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 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 award ceremony, which will be held at ATSE Celebrating Innovation & Awards Excellence on Thursday 11 June in Melbourne, and be available for any associated media activity.
- Participate in activities 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.
- Interact with the ATSE Forums to promote the importance of engineering.
- Engage with the Go8 Deans of Engineering and Associates.

## Nomination documents

The Proposer must complete and submit the following materials that constitute a complete submission, available from [www.atse.org.au](http://www.atse.org.au)

**PART A** – Nominee, Proposer and Seconder details

**PART B** – Application Executive Overview (100 words)

**PART C** – Selection Criteria

CRITERION 1: Excellence, Innovation and Impact in a field of engineering. (500 words)

CRITERION 2: Have clearly demonstrated a signature contribution to engineering in the five years prior to their nomination. (Referee Report attached)

CRITERION 3: Advanced the standing of the engineering profession (500 words)

**PART D** – Eligibility Criteria

CRITERION 1 – Engineering graduate of an Australian university (The nomination should attach legally certified evidence of graduation from an Australian university)

CRITERION 2 – Age (PDF evidence attached. This includes evidence of career interruptions, if applicable, in the form of a letter from the nominee's employer(s) clearly stating the length and nature of the interruption)

**PART E** – Proposer Statement (300 words)

**PART F** – Seconder Letter

**PART G** – Nominee Statement of Consent

## REFEREE FORM

The Proposer and Nominee may be called upon by the Selection Panel to provide evidence of claims made within submitted documentation.

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The selection panel will only consider nomination material provided in the submitted nomination form by the closing date 9:00am AEST Monday 16 March 2020. Applications received after this time and date will not be considered.

All attachments should be named clearly, for example: Batterham Medal Nomination Form: CITIZEN, Jane. Incomplete Nomination submissions will not be considered.

Only electronic submissions of nominations and attachments will be accepted.

**Nominations must be lodged by 09.00am AEST Monday 23 March 2020 via email to [batterham.medal@atse.org.au](mailto:batterham.medal@atse.org.au)**

The Batterham Medal Selection Committee is of the view that the confidentiality of information exchanges must be strictly observed and its deliberations will remain confidential.

All decisions taken by ATSE shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

In accordance with the Privacy Act, ATSE protects the privacy and security of information provided by you. By completing this form, you agree to the use of your personal information by ATSE for purposes related to the Batterham Medal program; that ATSE may contact you about our products and services; and that ATSE may use this information for internal purposes. If you do not wish to receive further information, please email [info@atse.org.au](mailto:info@atse.org.au) or call 03 9864 0900.

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