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Engineering Excellence Awards 2025

The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (NSW Chapter) presents the Engineering Excellence Awards to celebrate exceptional accomplishments in engineering across these **FOUR categories**:

- **BEST RESEARCH ARTICLE.**
- **BEST PHD THESIS.**
- **BEST APPLIED ENGINEERING PROJECT.**
- **BEST INNOVATION AND/OR INVENTION.**

Both winning and highly commended entries in all categories will be recognised at the Engineering Excellence Awards during the IESL NSW Chapter Gala Night 2025.

Benefits of Entering

The Engineering Excellence Awards recognise the outstanding contributions of engineers of Sri Lankan heritage residing in NSW or ACT. The awards highlight achievements in delivering innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable engineering solutions that enhance community well-being and support ecologically responsible development.

All shortlisted applicants will be invited to do a presentation at the 2025 Engineering Convention to be held on 12th September at Epping Club, Epping NSW and receive recognition at the Engineers Gala Dinner 2025.

Categories

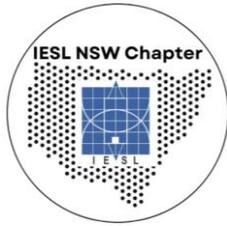
○ Best research article

The paper must have been presented or published in a recognised international journal, a national or international conference or a magazine no earlier than August 1, 2022.

An electronic copy of the paper must be submitted with the EOI (Expression of Interest).

○ Best PhD thesis published

The thesis must have been completed and published on a national or international university website no earlier than August 1, 2022. The university must be located within NSW and the ACT. The candidate should submit an EOI (Expression of Interest) including a summary of the thesis, including the methodology and findings. Additionally, the summary should discuss the



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impact of the thesis, which includes outcomes in any form, such as journal articles, updates to standards, or industry adoption, of a similar nature.

○ Best innovation and/or invention

An innovation involves deviating from established doctrines, practices, or forms by applying new ideas, methods, or techniques. It typically introduces something new, like a method or device, to enhance product value for the benefit of the enterprise and its customers.

The innovation or invention must have occurred on or after August 1, 2022. The nominee must be an individual or a key team member responsible for the innovation (or invention) in Australia.

An electronic submission must include a description, photos of the innovation/invention with references, and a completed EOI (Expression of Interest). The nominee's role must be clearly defined in the submission.

○ Best applied engineering project

The nominee must be a key member of the project team based in Australia. The nominated project must have been completed on or after August 1, 2022.

An electronic submission must include a description, photos of the project with references, and a completed EOI (Expression of Interest).

The project should demonstrate a positive community impact, which may relate to cost-benefit analysis, timely execution, sustainability principles, or social and economic benefits to the community.

Conditions of Entry

- All submissions must include an EOI (Expression of Interest) with all required information.
- Individuals can be nominated for multiple awards, but are eligible to win only one award per year.
- For all submissions, the first author cannot be an associate professor (Level D) or above or an Associate Engineer or above in industry.
- The judges' decision is final, and no further correspondence by the nominee can be made to influence an outcome.
- The panel of judges consists of independent industry professionals with no affiliations to any members

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of the IESL-NSW committee. Judges must disclose any conflicts of interest to the committee and request a replacement if necessary.

- Nominees are responsible for covering all costs associated with preparing their submissions and must attend the Gala night at their own expense.

Eligibility Criteria

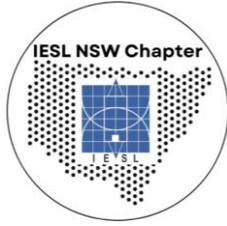
- The nominee must hold an engineering degree recognised by the Institution of Engineers (SL) or Engineers Australia.
- The nominee must be of Sri Lankan background and currently residing in NSW or ACT.
- The nominee cannot currently be a member of the IESL-NSW committee or have served on the committee within the **past five years**.
- The nominee cannot have held the positions of **Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or an executive position on any previous IESL-NSW committee**.
- Any attempt to influence the decision will be considered grounds for disqualification.

Evaluation Criteria

The individual submission will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scope of the nominee's involvement.
- Originality.
- Innovation.
- Impact on the community and environmental sustainability
- Solutions to engineering challenges
- Demonstration of sound engineering principles in practice

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Selection Committee

The selection will be carried out by a five-member panel comprising four non-Sri Lankan professionals and one academic of Sri Lankan background, who will serve as the chair.

Submission

All nominations must be submitted via the EOI (Expression of Interest) form, and direct emails will not be accepted. Please refer to the EOI form for additional guidelines on the submissions.

All inquiries regarding these awards shall be directed to: Editor of the Chapter Dr Kasun Wijesooriya Editor@ieslnsw.org and copied to chair@ieslnsw.org

Award Ceremony

Shortlisted applicants will present at the Engineers' Convention 2025 on Friday, September 12th, 2025, at the Epping Club located at 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping. The Awards will be announced during the Engineers' Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 13th, 2025.

Closing Date

Nominations will close at 5 pm on the 15th of August 2025