

The Founders Award (Revised, 2025)

NDPD Founders Award Nomination and Evaluation Criteria:

- 1) The Selection Committee for the Founders Award is the NDPD Honors and Awards Committee. The prestige of any Award rests upon the list of Past Recipients. Therefore, while this Award can be bestowed every year, the Awards Committee should only select a recipient among the nominations if the nominee is meritorious.
- 2) Nominations stay active for a period of three years.
- 3) This award is for senior personnel who have at least 25 years of work experience in NDE/SHM (nondestructive evaluation and structural health monitoring) related fields.
- 4) Nomination deadline is **March 31. Self-nomination is not allowed.**
- 5) Selection committee members may seek nomination but should not nominate anybody.
- 6) Nomination letter from someone outside the selection committee should clearly state how the achievements of the nominee can be classified as exemplary achievements. Evidence of exemplary achievement in any one of the following categories is sufficient for the nomination - (1) education and standards, (2) fundamental research, (3) applied and industrial development and (4) widely accepted product development evident by commercial success.
- 7) A supporting letter (in addition to the nomination letter) is welcome but is not a requirement.
- 8) While selecting the winner, the selection committee will evaluate the nominee's publication impact, industrial work with impact on cost, reliability and availability of systems being inspected or monitored, pervasive use of the invented systems and technologies worldwide, and standardization of the NDPD methods.

Items to be submitted for nomination:

- 1) Please submit nomination letter before March 31 clearly stating how the achievements of the nominee can be classified as exemplary achievements in one or more of the following four categories - (1) education and standards, (2) fundamental research, (3) applied and industrial development and (4) widely accepted product development evident by commercial success.
- 2) Resume of the nominee clearly showing the number of years the nominee is involved in NDE/SHM related research and his/her achievements.
- 3) A supporting letter (in addition to the nomination letter) is welcome but is not a requirement.
- 4) Please send the nomination package for the 2025 award by email to: Prof. Tribikram Kundu (tkundu@arizona.edu) before **March 31, 2026.**

Past winners are:

2001 - Ajit Mal, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
 2003 - Joseph L. Rose, Pennsylvania State University, USA
 2005 - Eckhardt Schneider, Fraunhofer IZFP, Germany

2007 - Michael J. Farley
 2007 - Doosan Babcock
 2007 - Spenser H. Bush – Posthumous
 2015 – Henrique Reis – University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, USA
 2017 – Tibikram Kundu -- University of Arizona, Tucson, USA
 2018 – Victor Giurgiutiu – University of South Carolina, USA
 2019 – Peter Cawley, Imperial College, London, UK
 2020 – Peter Nagy, University of Cincinnati, USA
 2021 – Francesco Lanza di Scalia, University of California, San Diego, USA
 2022 – Mike Lowe, Imperial College, London, UK
 2023 – Larry Jacobs, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
 2024 – Srinivasan Gopalkrishnan, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

NOTE: Awards are as prestigious as the list of past awardees. Nominees should be evaluated using the list of past recipients as the standard (please see the list of past recipients).

Composition of the ASME Nondestructive Diagnosis and Prognosis Division (NDPD) Honors and Awards Committee for the selection of the NDPD Founders Award:

Ideally the NDPD Awards committee should have at least one member from academia, one from industry, one from national laboratories and at least three members from the past winners. Division Chair and the Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee of the NDPD Division should also be members of the selection committee.