

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MEDAL

Nomination and Election Procedure

Introduced in 2024, the CIA Young Professional Award recognises the contributions of younger members of the Institute for professional achievement. This Award is open to any Concrete Institute of Australia member 35 years old or younger who has provided a notable and significant contribution towards the Institute and to the concrete industry.

Nominations for Young Professional Medal may be made at any time, but only those received by 30 April in the year of the Biennial Conference (or at least six months prior to the Conference) will be considered for the Award at the Conference. No more than one Young Professional Medal may be awarded in any two-year cycle.

Nominations may be submitted electronically by any of the following:

- National President of Concrete Institute of Australia
- Council of Concrete Institute of Australia (approved and signed by the Chair)
- A CIA State Committee (approved and signed by the Chair)
- CIA NEXGen steering committee (approved and signed by the Chair)
- Any three financial members of the Institute together
- The Honours and Awards Nominating Committee (approved and signed by the Chair)

Nominations are then reviewed by the Nominating Committee which is appointed by Council. Following the review the Nominating Committee makes its recommendations to Council as to which nomination should be granted the Young Professional Medal. Council makes its final decision based on these recommendations.

It is desirable that nominees are not informed of their nomination, in order to avoid disappointment if the nomination is not successful.

Criteria

The CIA Young Professional Medal is open to any Concrete Institute of Australia member 35 years old or younger who has provided a notable and significant contribution towards the Institute and to the concrete industry.

The following criteria are to be used in assessing nominations for the **Young Professional Medal**.

- Nominees must be Concrete Institute of Australia members and 35 years of age or less on 30 April in the year of the biennial conference (students are ineligible for consideration of this award).
- The essential criterion for the Award is having attained significant achievement in each of the following areas:
 - Active participation with CIA at NEXGen, Council, state or regional committee level.
 - Active participation with CIA at events or on technical committees, or with related activities that have a positive impact on members.



- Shown service to the advancement of concrete and to the industry.
- Shown leadership and initiative within CIA, their organisation and sectors, and in industry.
- Other evidence of merit, which in the judgment of the Committee, shall have advanced the Institute's objectives.
- The data above should be supported by a detailed submission that outlines how the nominee has met the criteria, helping the Institute and the industry achieve excellence in concrete.

Submission

Submissions for the CIA Young Professional Medal nomination must be completed using the appropriate electronic form. **Note – It is important that all fields are entered correctly with all the appropriate detail to ensure that the nominee's credentials are able to be considered fully by the Nominating Committee**

The submission details must include supporting material including:

- Nominees full name, address, contact information and age at 30 April in the year of the biennial conference.
- Nominees current company, position and contact information (if still working)
- Nominating person/committee (and name/position of the Chair if required)
- Nominees' history in the concrete industry (tertiary qualifications (if any), work career, volunteer achievements, key positions and key roles).
- Specific information relating to how the nominee has fulfilled the criteria, providing reference and details.
- Any relevant information relating to activities outside of Australia that fulfil the criteria.
- Outline any papers, publications, reference books, or other that relate to the criteria.
- The data above should be supported by a detailed submission that outlines how the nominee has provided a notable and significant contribution towards the Institute and to the concrete industry.

An electronic copy may be submitted via email to:

The Secretary
Honours and Awards Nominating Committee
Concrete Institute of Australia
exec@concreteinstitute.com.au

Presentation

Recipients of the CIA Young Professional Medal will be informed in the first instance of their award by the National President.

The CIA Young Professional Medal will then be officially presented to the recipient at the Institute's Biennial Conference. Recipients of the Award will receive a framed certificate and a medallion certifying the granting of the Award.

