

QuakeCoRE – NZSEE Women in Earthquake Engineering Award

Award Details

This award is to recognise younger academic and professional women for ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit in the field of earthquake engineering. It is awarded to recognise and honour an individual who has been involved in industry leading innovative solutions to problems in earthquake engineering. The award value is \$10,000 and complimentary membership of NZSEE. The individual should be in the developing or expanding stage of her career. It is anticipated the award use will be aligned with furthering and supporting her career in earthquake engineering. The intent of the award is to support increased participation of women in leadership roles in earthquake engineering.

Applicants

Early to mid-career women under 35 years of age are eligible to apply for the QuakeCoRE - NZSEE Women in Earthquake Engineering award. Applicants must be less than 35 years of age on 1 January of the year the award is sought.

Applicants shall be New Zealand based.

This award is orientated towards those who have completed their education and are actively working in the field of earthquake engineering, as researchers or practitioners, at the time of application.

Individuals will be assessed on a combination of past accomplishments and future potential.

The application and letter of support for the QuakeCoRE – NZSEE Women in Earthquake Engineering Award shall provide example(s) of how the individual has:

- Undertaken pioneering research for which the outcomes have potential to significantly influence the practice of earthquake engineering and / or
- Demonstrated leadership through advocacy, design or delivery of earthquake risk mitigation programmes and / or
- Demonstrated creative solutions to problems in earthquake engineering.

The award will recognise the degree to which the individual fits the desired overall profile of ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit rather than a single accomplishment or product.

Applications are encouraged from women working in earthquake engineering across academia, government, and private industry. Applications and referees are not required to be involved in QuakeCoRE and / or be members of NZSEE, but this is desirable.

Requirements

No application form is required.

An application shall contain:

- A statement from the applicant succinctly summarising her background and accomplishments in earthquake engineering. The statement shall include sufficient information to confirm eligibility (maximum 3 pages).
- CV of the applicant (maximum 3 pages).
- A brief statement (1-2 pages) indicating how the applicant intends to use the award. Activities which are aligned with furthering or supporting her career in earthquake engineering will be viewed most favourably.
- A letter of support from a relevant employer/expert/mentor.

- The names and contact details of two referees prepared to comment on the application.

Additional materials beyond the requirements above need not be submitted and will not be reviewed.

A selection committee representing QuakeCoRE and NZSEE will consider the applications received and select which applicant, if any, is to be awarded. The selection committee may contact the applicant, employer/expert/mentor and / or referees for further information. The decision of the selection committee will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

The successful recipient will be invited to receive the award at the NZSEE annual conference.

The award recipient is expected to report back to the NZSEE management committee and QuakeCoRE Leadership Team within two years following award advising how she has used the award and what impact this award has had on her career in earthquake engineering.

Applications should be sent to the NZSEE Executive Officer.