

# JAMES DOUGLAS GOLD MEDAL

## Guidelines and Procedures



### OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The James Douglas Gold Medal (Douglas Award) recognizes distinguished achievement in non-ferrous metallurgy, including the beneficiation and processing of ores, byproducts, residues and secondary resources, as well as the alloying and utilization of primary and recycled non-ferrous metals. Priority will be given to candidates who made remarkable contributions and/or accomplishments in advancing the technologies and practices used in the non-ferrous extraction metallurgy industry, reflecting the engineering (innovative) and entrepreneurial spirit of James Douglas.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies, but preference is given to members. If a committee member is nominated, they will either find a replacement committee member so that they can resign for the year or remove their nomination until their term is up. Candidate must be living, on the nomination deadline with active nomination to be considered eligible.

### TIMELINE

The James Douglas Gold Medal Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
<b>April 1</b>	Call for nominations
<b>June 1</b>	Nomination deadline
<b>June 30</b>	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
<b>July 15</b>	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
<b>July 25</b>	Second round of voting complete (if needed)
<b>August 1</b>	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
<b>September 30</b>	September 30, Approval of recipient by the MPD Executive Committee, the EPD Executive Committee, the SME Board of Directors and the TMS Board of Directors
<b>October 1</b>	Recipient is notified
<b>SME Annual Conference &amp; Expo</b>	Award is presented

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<p><b>NOMINATIONS</b></p>	<p>Nominations for the James Douglas Gold Medal Award require the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.</li> <li>2. <b>Required:</b> Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award (no longer than 2 pages each). The principal nominator's letter can be counted in the five letters.</li> <li>3. <b>Nominee's biography</b> outlining the nominee's contributions and accomplishments (2 page maximum).</li> <li>4. <b>Nominee's CV/resume</b> (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).</li> <li>5. <b>List of papers/publications</b> (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).</li> <li>6. <b>Award citation</b> of 25-40 words, describing the achievements / accomplishments of the nominee on which the award is based.</li> </ol> <p>All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines provided on the award nomination form, which may be downloaded here: <a href="http://smenet.org/awards-recognition">smenet.org/awards-recognition</a></p>
<p><b>CRITERIA</b></p>	<p>The Douglas Award is administered jointly by SME (MPD) and TMS (EPD), with each society taking the lead role on alternating years (SME even award years; TMS odd award years). Award administration follows the timeline listed above.</p> <p>The Award Committee consists of three MPD representatives (past chair, chair, and associate chair of the division) and three EPD representatives (past chair, vice chair, and awards chair of the division). The senior representative from the lead society serves as committee chair during that society's lead year. If a committee member is nominated for the award, s/he will either remove the nomination until the term is up or find a replacement committee member so s/he may resign from the committee. The Past Chair from the lead society serves as committee chair during that society's lead year.</p> <p>If a committee member is nominated for the award, s/he will find a replacement committee member so s/he may resign from the committee.</p> <p>If there is a conflict of interest between one of the award committee members and a nominee, the committee member will declare such conflict of interest and recuse him/herself for the vote on this nominee.</p>
<p><b>SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS</b></p>	<p>Recipients of the award shall be selected by majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the MPD Executive Committee, the EPD Executive Committee, the SME Board of Directors and the TMS Board of Directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>
<p><b>AWARD</b></p>	<p>The James Douglas Gold Medal shall consist of a 2-3/4" gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of James Douglas and on which the recipient's name and year of presentation are inscribed, and a certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.</p> <p>The award committee can propose an adapted citation to the principal nominator if it deems the provided citation insufficiently reflecting the achievements upon which the award is based.</p>

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<p><b>PRESENTATION OF AWARD</b></p>	<p>The award will be presented at either the SME Annual Conference &amp; Expo or the TMS Annual Meeting, at the discretion of the recipient. If the recipient elects to receive the award at the SME Annual Conference &amp; Expo, the award will be presented during the SME/AIME Annual Awards Celebration and the recipient will be recognized at the MPD Luncheon. If the recipient elects to receive the award at the TMS Annual Meeting, the award will be presented during the TMS/AIME Awards banquet and the recipient will be recognized at the EPD Luncheon.</p>
<p><b>FUNDING</b></p>	<p>All expenses incurred with respect to the award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME or TMS will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in.</p>
<p><b>AMENDMENTS</b></p>	<p>These regulations may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the MPD Executive Committee, EPD Executive Committee, SME Board of Directors, TMS Board of Directors, and AIME Board of Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.</p>
<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Questions may be directed to:</b></p> <p>Odd Numbered Years e.g. 2025  Awards Coordinator, SME Member Services  Department Phone: 303-948-4200  E-mail: <a href="mailto:awards@smenet.org">awards@smenet.org</a></p> <p>Or Even Years  TMS Award &amp; Recognition Specialist  Phone: 724-776-9000  E-mail: <a href="mailto:awards@tms.org">awards@tms.org</a></p>