

**Overview**

The UCA Outstanding Educator Award is presented to professors and teachers who have had an exceptional career in academia and the education in the area of underground design and construction. These individuals have also made significant contributions to the industry through their academic interests, as well as the introduction of many students into the industry.

**Timeline**

The UCA Outstanding Educator Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due Date	Task
August 1st	Call for nominations due – Issued by Chair for T&UC
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nominations Open
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Nomination deadline
November 20th	UCA Award Committee to submit recipient name and citation to Awards Coordinator
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Coordinator will submit to UCA Executive Committee
March T&UC	Award recipients announced
June – biennial (Even)	Award presented at NAT banquet

**Nominations**

Each Executive Committee member may submit one candidate. Candidates may also be nominated by other UCA Members. Each submission must be made online. If the nomination is not made online, the Chair must contact the nominator and request resubmission online.

The award is limited to UCA members in good standing at the time of the award. Current Executive Committee members are ineligible for the award.

**Administration**

The Award Recipient will be chosen by the UCA Executive Committee

**Selection of Recipients**

After nominations have closed, the UCA Award Committee will be notified that nominations are ready for review. Once notified they will login at smenet.org and view all nominations and supporting documentation.

**Award**

The UCA Outstanding Educator Award is to consist of a suitable plaque engraved with the recipient's name and year of the award. The recipient will also receive a complimentary registration and ticket to the event where the award is given.

**Presentation of the Award**

The award will be presented biennially (even) at the NAT banquet.

**Funding**

All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of general Underground Construction Division funds.

**Amendments**

These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the UCA Executive Committee. Any such amendments must be reflected in all

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appropriate award documentation.

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**Questions**

Questions may be directed to:  
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Phone: 303-948-4200  
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