



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE RESEARCH & EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD Guidelines & Procedures

Overview and Eligibility

The Health & Safety Research & Educational Excellence Award (HSREX Award) was established in 2012 and is presented to an individual or a research or educational institution exemplifying exceptional innovation and dedication toward advancement in technology or education for the protection and well-being of miners.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Active individual SME members or research or educational organizations are eligible for this award.
2. Nominees must be actively engaged in research or education for mining-related activities.
3. Greatest emphasis will be given to those individuals and institutions whose work has improved basic or applied safety and health management knowledge and practice in exploration, mining and/or metallurgy through education, research, technology/equipment innovation, and/or advancement of standards.

Timeline

The HSREX Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due Date	Task
April 1	Call for nominations
June 1	Nomination deadline
June 30	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
July 15	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
July 25	Second round of voting complete (if needed)
August 1	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
September 15	Recipient is notified
SME Annual Meeting	Award is presented

Nominations	<p>Nominations for the HSREX Award should contain the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.2. Letters of support detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award (no longer than 2 pages each. Minimum of 1, Maximum of 5).3. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum).4. Appropriate award citation. <p>Optional:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).6. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). <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: http://www.smenet.org/awards/</p>
Administration	<p>The HSREX Award is administered by a subcommittee of SME's Health & Safety Division under the direction of the SME Board of Directors. The Health & Safety Awards Sub-Committee members are selected annually by the Chair of the Health & Safety Committee.</p>
Selection of Recipients	<p>Recipients of the HSREX Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Division of the Award, subject to the approval of the SME Board of Directors. The HSREX Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>
Award	<p>The HSREX Award shall be recognized via certificate or plaque.</p>
Presentation of Award	<p>The HSREX Award will be presented at SME's Health and Safety Division Breakfast held in conjunction with SME's Annual Meeting.</p>
Funding	<p>All expenses incurred in respect of the HSREX Award shall be the financial responsibility of SME and the Health & Safety Division.</p>
Amendments	<p>These regulations may be amended by the Health & Safety Award Sub-Committee, subject to approval by the Health & Safety Division and the SME Board of Directors. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.</p>
Questions	<p>Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator, SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4208 E-mail: awards@smenet.org</p>
