

UCA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD Guidelines & Procedures

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	Date August 1 September 1 October 31 November 20 November 30 March issue Tunneling & Underground Construction	Task Call for nominations due – Issued by Chair for T&UC Nominations open Nomination deadline UCA Award Committee to submit recipient name and citation to Awards Coordinator Awards Coordinator to submit to UCA Executive Committee Award recipients announced Award will be presented at a NAT event.
NOMINATIONS & ELIGIBILITY	 The nominee should be a UCA member in good standing at the time of the award. A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner. Current voting members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, or Award Committees, are NOT eligible for any awards that they are responsible for approving during their term, with the exception of "past chair" recognitions. No person is eligible to receive more than one SME, UCA or SME/AIME award in a single year. 	
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS	The Award Recipient will be chosen by the UCA Awards Committee.	
AWARD	The UCA Outstanding Educator Award is a 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 at a UCA event.	
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 appropriate award documentation.	
QUESTIONS	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator 303-948-4200 awards@smenet.org	