



# ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

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## ENR–ACE Outstanding Mentor Award

The ACE Mentor Program of America knows that it is the volunteer mentors who make the program happen around the country. Their dedication and contributions to the lives of the students that they engage with deserve to be recognized. Each year the ACE Mentor Program will honor up to five (5) Outstanding Mentors with a national award for their service. A panel of previous Outstanding Mentors will serve as jurors. Please reach out to Monica Worheide [mworheide@acementor.org](mailto:mworheide@acementor.org), Director of National Programs for the link to the nomination form or with questions or concerns.

### Schedule

- 11/1 - Nominations Open
- 2/14 - Nomination Deadline
- 3/14 - Winners Announced

### Eligibility

To be eligible, the nominee must have been involved with ACE for a minimum of one year, prior to the current year. The mentor must: 1) be classified as “active” in the ACE database; b) have successfully completed a background check. Before submitting a nomination, affiliates should check that their nominee meets these eligibility criteria. Mentors who previously have won the Outstanding Mentor Award are ineligible. Affiliates may nominate previous or new nominees.

### Nomination Process

An affiliate may nominate one mentor. The chair or other senior affiliate leader must submit the nomination on behalf of the affiliate. Self-nominations are not allowed. Mentors who previously have won the Outstanding Mentor Award are ineligible. With this exception, Affiliates may nominate previously or new nominees.

### Judging criteria

- Actions and Activities Demonstrating Why Nominee Deserves Award
- Impact on Students
- Impact on Other Mentors and Affiliate

### Justification essay

Your justification essay (750-word maximum) should: 1) describe the nominee’s actions and activities that make him/her an outstanding mentor; 2) explain how the nominee’s mentoring has impacted students; and 3) discuss how the nominee’s activities have affected or benefited other mentors and the affiliate. Give specific examples and details to substantiate your nomination.

In addition to the information requested on the nomination form, an affiliate may upload a maximum of two examples (one page for each example) reflecting the range of the individuals' contributions (e.g., an activity for a mentoring session, student recruitment and retention). In addition, affiliates have the option of including one letter from a nominee’s current or former student.

### Recognition

- A scholarship named after the mentor and awarded to a worthy student selected by the mentor’s affiliate.
- The award will be formally presented as part of the annual CIRT competition ceremony in DC.
- Outstanding Mentors will be publicized on the ACE website and in ACE’s Yearbook published as part of Engineering News-Record.
- ACE will notify the employers of Outstanding Mentors to ensure that they receive acknowledgment for their achievements.