



Australian Safety Critical Systems Association

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The aSCSa Best Paper Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to encourage research in the science of software/system engineering or the application of that science for safety and/or mission critical software-intensive systems.

The Award

The award is an individual award consisting of \$1000 (Australian), with a certificate, and up to \$1000 for travel. For papers with multiple authors, the award will be given to the lead author.

The Rules

1. Only one application may be submitted per lead author for any given conference event.
2. The term “research” means discovery of new knowledge in the context of software/system engineering related to safety and/or mission critical software-intensive systems (this term includes programmable devices, firmware etc). Work that demonstrates the pioneering practical application of the science of software/system engineering shall also be deemed to be research for this award.
3. Nominations may be submitted accompanying a research paper submission to the Australian System Safety Conference (ASSC). The research paper must be formatted using the template available on the ASSC conference website.
4. Only the documents supplied as part of the nomination will be considered for selecting the recipient of the award. Submitted materials will not be returned.
5. Applications will be assessed by the aSCSa Awards Committee (a committee established by the aSCSa Committee), All applicants shall agree to accept as final the decision of the aSCSa Awards Committee as to whether or not the cited research is deemed relevant, whether or not an award is made, and that no correspondence shall be entered into.
6. The aSCSa Awards Committee reserves the right not to make an award, or to award joint prizes if the standard of nominations makes it appropriate to do so.
7. Members of the aSCSa Committee, the aSCSa Awards Committee and invited speakers are not eligible for this award. Where a member of the aSCSa Awards Committee has some association with an applicant for the award, that member shall stand down from the aSCSa Awards Committee and play no part in the selection process for that year.
8. Posthumous awards will be made only when the knowledge of the nominee's death after the recipient has been announced. Nominations of individuals known to be deceased will not be accepted.
9. The award winner is expected to attend ASSC to receive the prize and to present the paper. The winner shall also agree that the aSCSa may publish the research paper for which the prize is awarded, i.e., if successful, grant a non-exclusive, perpetual and royalty free license to the ACS and aSCSa, including its heirs and assigns, to publish the research paper.
10. The application must include the following:
 - The completed application form.
 - The research paper.