

2021 Call for Nominations: Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Papers ASEE Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CDEI)

ASEE believes that diversity, equity, and inclusiveness are essential to educational experiences and innovations that drive the development of creative solutions addressing our world's challenges. A wide range of engineering disciplines are represented in ASEE, which brings a broad and diverse perspective to bear on engineering challenges. Diversity, both intellectually and socially, fuels innovation and enriches the development of creative and enduring solutions to global problems. ASEE's broad statement on Diversity is available here: <https://diversity.asee.org/about/>

This call for nominations for Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Papers seeks to identify highly impactful efforts by ASEE authors that help address inequities in engineering and influence the inclusive, diverse future of engineering. Diversity dimensions addressed can include (but are not limited to): age, belief system, disability status, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and any other visible or non-visible differences.

Nominated papers and presentations will be assessed for a) extent of inclusivity and focus on diversity, equity, and/or inclusion, b) novelty of approaches/ideas/ interventions, c) depth and extent of connection with existing literature and/or theory, d) demonstrated or potential impact, and e) communication effectiveness. The ASEE Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper rubric (<https://diversity.asee.org/deicommitee/best-paper-rubric/>) will be used by a Paper Selection Committee to assess these scholarly attributes of the nominated manuscripts and to identify five to seven finalists.

Finalists will present their papers in a **special paper session** hosted by CDEI. Members of the selection committee will evaluate the presentations to select the final recipient of the 2021 Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper Award. The Award recipient will be invited to reprise the presentation at the 2022 Annual Conference.

Please note: The Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper is a completely separate process from the Best Paper selection process run by the PIC chairs at the Annual Conference. A division, constituent committee, section, or zone may identify two separate papers for these entirely independent best paper competitions.

Divisions/Councils/Committees with technical program sessions at the 2021 ASEE Annual Conference may nominate one paper for Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper Award consideration. A Section/Zone Conference* may nominate two papers for consideration by the CDEI Best Diversity Paper Selection Committee provided the manuscripts address different diversity/equity/inclusion-related topics. Each unit may use their own process to identify and select the best paper(s) for nomination. Once a selection is made, the Program Chair nominates the paper through the [2021 Nomination Form](#)** , providing the ASEE unit name (and conference information if applicable), nominator contact information, the paper title, corresponding author information (name, affiliation, e-mail), an optional brief nomination statement, and an electronic copy of the paper.

To identify potential nominees, we recommend asking reviewers or a division review committee to use the [Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper guidelines](#) or the [rubric](#) as guidance. This [recorded webinar](#) offers tips and guidelines for Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper authors and reviewers.

All nominations must be submitted to the ASEE Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion via the [2021 Nomination Form](#) by 11:59 PM ET on Monday, April 26, 2021.** Award notifications will be sent by Monday, May 17, 2021.

NOTE: The Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper finalist session is Monday, June 28, 2021, at 9:45 AM PT. Please do not schedule your nominated paper in that time slot, if at all possible.

Please contact the CDEI Awards Committee should you have further questions: Karin Jensen (kjens@illinois.edu) and Katey Shirey (katey@edukatey.com).

*Papers published within any section/zone conference proceedings between the dates of May 9th, 2020 to May 1st, 2021, may be nominated. Travel and registration costs for presenting a finalist paper from any source will be the responsibility of the authors.

**Full link to the Nomination Form: <https://bit.ly/BCDEIpaper>