



2026 Call for Nominations: Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Papers

DUE: May 6, 2026. [2026 Best DEI Paper Nomination Form](#)

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 actions, policy work, curriculum development and instruction, and assessment 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, socioeconomic status, access, and any other visible or non-visible differences.

Nominated papers 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.

Please note: The Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper is an entirely 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 2026 ASEE Annual Conference may nominate one paper for the Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper Award consideration. A Section/Zone Conference may nominate two papers for consideration by the CDEI Best DEI Paper Selection Committee provided the manuscripts address different diversity/equity/inclusion-related topics. Each unit may use its own process to identify and select the best paper for nomination. Once a selection is made, the Program Chair nominates the paper through the [2026 Best DEI Paper 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), a brief nomination statement, and an electronic copy of the paper in pdf format.

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 the Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper authors and reviewers.

All nominations must be submitted to the ASEE Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion via the [2026 Best DEI Paper Nomination Form](#) by 11:59 PM ET on May 6, 2026.**

NOTE: Zone and Division program chairs will be notified of the details for the Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Paper finalist session once it is finalized. Please do not schedule your nominated paper for your division session in that time slot, if at all possible.



Please contact the CDEI Awards Committee should you have further questions: Manish Roy (manish.roy@uconn.edu)