



## 2020 NSEE Awards of Excellence Criteria

Please submit your nomination [here](#).

\*Previous award winners and current board members are not eligible for awards.

### **Outstanding Experiential Education Program**

Recognizes an outstanding K-12 or higher education institution that has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to experiential education in their classrooms or on their campuses.

To be considered, the program must:

- Demonstrate goals and objectives that are consistent with [NSEE Standards and Practice](#)
- Be innovation in its design, implementation and evaluation
- Demonstrate both the depth and breadth of impact through program assessment

### **Outstanding Leader in Experiential Education: Higher Education Award**

Recognizes an individual in higher education who has demonstrated innovative uses of experiential learning in their institution.

To be considered, the nominee must:

- Be employed by a 2 or 4-year degree-granting institution
- Play a leadership role in the design, development, and implementation of experiential education programs in a higher education institution
- Actively participate in national or regional conference sessions and/or produce publications contributing to the field of experiential education
- Serve as a mentor to newcomers and rising leaders in the field

### **Outstanding Leader in Experiential Education: K-12 Award**

Recognizes a K-12 teacher, principal, or superintendent who has demonstrated innovative uses of experiential learning in their classroom or school system.

To be considered, the nominee must:

- Be employed by a K-12 school or school district
- Play a leadership role in the design, development, and implementation of experiential education programs
- Actively contribute to the field of experiential education by leading or providing professional development for others, attending or presenting at conferences and/or producing publications
- Actively promote experiential education and serve as a mentor to others

### **Outstanding Leader in Experiential Education: Community-Based Organization**

Recognizes a community-based organization or nonprofit that has made outstanding contributions to experiential education.

To be considered, the organization must:

- Be a community-based organization or nonprofit

- Play a leadership role in the design, development, and implementation of experiential education programs designed to meet community needs
- Collaborate with higher education institutions, K-12 schools, government entities or other non-profits
- Advocate for experiential education programs to include individuals/groups from diverse backgrounds

### **Outstanding Leader in Experiential Education: Corporate or Foundation**

Recognizes a business or corporation that has demonstrated outstanding support of experiential education through its financial or volunteer commitment to the field.

To be considered, the organization must:

- Have established an experiential education program where top management's commitment is demonstrated through the organization's continuing goodwill
- Be supporting an experiential education program financially or with volunteer support
- Endeavor to provide quality work experiences for students by taking an active role in the orientation of new students/interns/co-op; handling of student logistics; planning and development of experiential education assignments; and training of experiential education supervisors

### **Outstanding Experiential Education Rising Leader**

Recognizes an individual who has joined NSEE within the past five years and is already making outstanding contributions to experiential education.

To be considered, the nominee must:

- Have joined the field within the last five years
- Be actively developing, leading or engaging in experiential education projects
- Contribute to the field through conference participation and presentations and/or develop research and publications that grow the field

### **Outstanding Experiential Education Research**

Recognizes an individual who has recently published research that makes important contributions to our understanding of experiential education.

To be considered, the nominee must:

- Have published research about experiential education within the past two years
- Make important contributions to an area of experiential education that is aligned with [NSEE's Mission, Vision and Goals](#)

### **Dissertation of the Year Award**

Recognizes an individual who has completed a doctoral dissertation that makes important contributions to our understanding of experiential education.

To be considered, the nominee must:

- Have completed a doctoral dissertation about experiential education within the past two years and is aligned to [NSEE's Mission, Vision and Goals](#)

## Frequently-Asked Questions

### **Can I nominate myself?**

Yes, you can!

### **Can I nominate more than one person?**

Yes, there is no limit to how many individuals or organizations you can nominate in each category, or across categories. [Previous award winners](#) and current board members are not eligible for awards.

### **Does the nominee need to be a member of NSEE?**

No, but the nomination form does ask whether the nominee's institution or organization is a member of NSEE.

### **Do I need to be a member of NSEE to nominate someone?**

No, nominations are open to all.

### **What information will I need to nominate someone?**

The [online nomination form](#) requires the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae as well as their contact information, contact information of their supervisor and relevant supporting documents.

### **When will the nominee be contacted?**

The nominee will be notified of their nomination by mid-March 2020. They will be notified of their award status by early May 2020.

### **I still have questions!**

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