Guidelines for the James W. Dally Young Investigator Award

NAME OF THE AWARD:
James W. Dally Young Investigator Award

TO BE AWARDED:
The award should be given annually if a suitable candidate is identified.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:
To recognize a young professional (within 10 years of Ph.D.) who has made significant contributions in education and has demonstrated an excellence in research in the field of experimental mechanics.

THE AWARD SHALL CONSIST OF:
An honorarium and a plaque\(^1\) recognizing the recipient, presented at the Awards Luncheon conducted in conjunction with the SEM Annual Conference. The recipient attends the award luncheon as a guest of the Society.

FUNDING FOR THE AWARD AND RELATED ISSUES:
All expenses associated with the award are borne by the Society.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
(1) The recipient should be recognized for excellence early in their career.
(2) S/he must have demonstrated excellence in both education and research in the field of experimental mechanics. Any area qualifies.
(3) The recipient should be a member of SEM but need not have held any prior leadership position in the Society.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:
(1) The selection of a recipient shall be the responsibility of the SEM Honors Committee or whichever such group within SEM shall be charged with selecting the recipients of other society awards.
(2) The identification of suitable candidates for this award shall be the responsibility of the SEM Honors Committee and shall be carried out following a procedure that is consistent with that used to identify suitable candidates for other society awards. Suggestions to the committee by SEM members at large should be supported by a one page letter (font ≥ Times 12 point), documenting the rationale for the award.

\(^1\) The plaque shall consist of a hardwood base 8” x 10” or larger in size, a metal plaque bearing the name of the award, the name of the recipient, an appropriate citation (i.e., “For significant contributions in education and research in experimental mechanics”), and the date of presentation.