



Railway Technical Society of Australia (RTSA) 2026 RAILWAY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD *Application Form*

Railway Professional (Mid-Career) of the Year Award

The RTSA Railway Professional of the Year Award is a mid-career award offered to a person at or above the age of 35 who has made an outstanding contribution to the Railway Industry in Australia or New Zealand. The award, if made, comprises a trophy, which will be presented at the Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Gala Dinner at the 2026 Conference on Railway Excellence (**CORE 2026**) 17 - 19 August 2026, Adelaide, AUS. The award includes complimentary registration, airfares, and accommodation at CORE.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Nominees must be aged 35 or above as of (1 January of the award year).
- Nominees must be employed in the railway industry for at least 10 years in Australia or New Zealand.
- Nominees should not have already received an Individual Lifetime Achievement or Distinguished Rail Career Award (previously known as Individual Award).

JUDGING CRITERIA

To assist nominators to assemble appropriate information for the consideration of the judging panel, listed below are details of the judging criteria, to be demonstrated in the application, that are used as part of the process of evaluation of nominations:

- Career work achievements: describe the biggest achievements that the nominee has had in their career to date which could include anything from completed projects, previous awards, management/engineering successes, and other relevant achievements.
- Contribution to the well-being of people and the wider Railway Community: describe the way in which the nominee's engineering work has delivered benefit for individuals, groups, communities or the environment in which they reside, work, learn or enjoy recreation.
- Pioneering in the use of innovative technologies and or methods: describe the way in which the nominee utilised materials or employed practices or methods which are novel, inventive and creative.
- Provide evidence of displaying leadership and mentoring younger railway professionals
- Contribution to and promotion of the railway engineering profession: give details of the nominee's activities outside his/her work which are voluntary engineering-related pursuits or which have furthered the rail engineering profession. This includes volunteer work for the RTSA or other Engineering Organisations; publishing of technical papers, presentations, and/or publications.



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GUIDELINES TO NOMINATORS

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The application shall be submitted online at <https://engaust.awardsplatform.com/>.

In the following, the RTSA presents to potential nominators (self or third party) the following guidelines for the collation and submission of high quality and meaningful nominations.

- a copy of the nominee's current CV.
- Write the nomination on the basis that the members of the RTSA Awards Sub-Committee know nothing about the nominee.
- Write the nomination with a view to presenting material about the nominee that addresses the judging criteria, bearing in mind the equal weightings which will be applied to those criteria by the RTSA Awards Sub Committee.
- Write the nomination on the assumption that it will be considered purely on its merits alone, and that any past, related nominations will not have any bearing on the current nomination.
- Write the nomination in the knowledge that the members of the RTSA Awards Sub-Committee will be able to consider only what is presented to them in the nomination form and its attachments.
- Recognise that the nomination shall have a principal objective of identifying the main attributes of and the contributions that have been made by the nominee.
- Full details of any papers, presentations, articles, project briefs and the like, where applicable, shall form part of the nomination to illustrate the body of work with which the nominee has been involved.
- Ensure that referees provide signed letters of reference to support the nomination.
- 100 words biography and headshot (should the nomination be successful the bio and headshot will be used for promotion).

FOOTNOTES

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The nomination shall be accompanied by two copies of a citation and other supporting documents, which shall be sufficiently detailed for the judging panel to appreciate all aspects of the contribution. It will assist the process of selection if a copy of the candidate's current CV can accompany the nomination.

The documents will be retained by the awards sub-committee.

It should be noted that the RTSA Awards Sub-Committee will consider the nominee for a period of two years. At the end of the second year, the nominators are encouraged to submit an updated nomination.

will be advised to enable an updated nomination to be submitted if it still is considered to be appropriate.

ANY QUESTIONS, please contact. awards@engineersaustralia.org.au

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