Collins Award for Innovative Teaching

W. Leighton Collins was a faculty member in the College of Engineering from 1929-65 and former executive director of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). He was a pioneer and leader in ASEE and helped shape engineering instruction in the United States. This award recognizes outstanding development or use of new and innovative teaching methods. The recipient of the award receives direct deposit in the amount of $3,000 and a plaque.

Solicitation: October - Dean of the College of Engineering sends memo to department heads. The nomination packet should include a standard cover page, a letter of nomination from the department head, a statement from the instructor describing the teaching innovation, and appropriate supporting documents, such as class notes, syllabus, examples of student work, or whatever might help convey the nature of the teaching innovation. Innovations with success within the past three years will be given priority over older efforts. Off-campus and distance learning efforts are also eligible. Each department is limited to one nomination.

Due: January 4, 2019 - An electronic copy may be sent to Robin Willoughby, robinw@illinois.edu

Selection: Late January - One recipient chosen by the College of Engineering Awards Committee.

Publication: Recipients are informed by letter from Executive Associate Dean.

Logistics: February/March - The editor in the Engineering Communications Office prepares the college awards convocation booklet, which will carry photo and biosketch of awardee. Award is presented at the awards convocation in April. Recipient and family are invited to the awards ceremony and reception by the Executive Associate Dean.

Previous Recipients:

2018 Randy H. Ewoldt, MechSE
2017 Wade Fagen-Ulmschneider, CS
2016 Matthew West, MechSE
2015 Timothy Bretl, AE
2014 Wen-mei Hwu, ECE
2013 Bradley P. Sutton, BIO
2012 Harry Dankowicz, MechSE
2011 Lawrence Angraves, CS
2010 Daniel A. Tortorelli, MechSE
2009 Scott M. Olson, CEE
2008 Daniel A. Kuchma, CEE
2007 Gregory S. Elliott, AE
2006 Youssef M. A. Hashash, CEE
2005 Darrell F. Socie, MIE
2004 Gary E. Gladding, Physics
2003 Michael Philpott, MIE
2002 Albert J. Valocchi, CEE
2001 Mats Selen, Physics
2000 Aida El-Khadra, Physics
1999 Qin Zhang, ABE
1998 R.B. Uribe, ECE

1997 J. Bruce Litchfield, ABE