

Report from the Awards committee to the Winter Policy Council meeting 2017.
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Two main issues were raised in the Awards committee during 2016.

1. K12 Teaching Award.

In a meeting 19 July, the committee agreed to recommend that a K12 Teaching Award be established.

The purpose of the award is to reward and stimulate efforts to make use of system dynamics in K12 education. An amount of \$2500 seems appropriate in light of the other Society awards. An attempt to have the Waters foundation finance the award did not come through. If we find nobody else to finance the award, we will approach the Policy Council in the Summer Policy meeting. The committee should consist of 3 members appointed by the Society and 2 members appointed by the Creative Learning Exchange or another appropriate organization for teachers.

Following the standard information about the other awards, here is a draft of the criterion for the award:

The K12 Teaching Award

[Link to previous winners]

The K12 Teaching Award is presented by the Society as often as every year for the best innovation in K12 teaching. Innovations will typically include new teaching designs, new teaching tools or textbooks, papers discussing use of system dynamics in light of learning philosophy, investigations of teaching efficacy, initiatives to create awareness about or promote teaching from a system dynamics perspective etc. The work must have been conducted within ten years of the submission deadline.

Anybody can nominate work for the award. Nominations must address the following items: a description of the innovation with references to or attachments of written material and addresses to persons that can be interviewed by the committee, an evaluation of the quality of the innovation and of the potential for impact, and names of the team members and their roles in the innovation.

The innovation or written material about the innovation must not have won a previous award from the System Dynamics Society. Innovations may be self-nominated.

Winners are announced and a certificate and a prize of \$2500 are presented at the annual conference of the System Dynamics Society. The winner may also be

invited to deliver a talk on the work, which may subsequently be published in the System Dynamics Review.

Nominations, papers, and supporting information as well as any questions should be sent to:

[name and address]

2. Revision of criterion for the Applications Award.

Following a debate about the criterion last summer, Brad will write up a revised criterion. It will not be ready before the Winter Policy Council.

The Awards committee is working on filling all vacancies in the different Awards committees.