The Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award (DEAA) gives special recognition to those graduates of the University of Colorado Boulder College of Engineering and Applied Science who have had distinguished careers after graduation. In all cases, the nominee should have demonstrated outstanding personal qualities and important contributions to their fields.

These contributions may be in a broad range of categories: Education, Research and Invention, Government Service, Industry and Commerce, Private Practice, and Special – a category reserved for those alumni of the college whose careers have been distinguished in other areas or non-alumni who deserve recognition for their distinguished services to the college.

Nominations are accepted at any time but must be received by October 31 for appropriate consideration by the Selection Committee for awards presented the following spring. Faculty, staff, alumni, or friends of the University of Colorado Boulder may submit nominations.

In all cases, three criteria are considered by the DEAA Selection Committee:

- **Career** – Has the nominee achieved a high level of distinction in his or her field, such as measured by career trajectory, prior awards, or substantial contributions that have had a positive impact on the profession or society?

- **Community and Professional Service** – Has the nominee given his or her time and talents in service to the local, national or international community, or to advancing professional societies and associations, above and beyond normal job expectations?

- **Continued Involvement with CU Engineering** – Has the candidate remained engaged with the College of Engineering and Applied Science, such as by serving on an advisory board, giving guest lectures, mentoring students, or providing financial support?

While it is not expected that all candidates must have strong achievements for all three criteria, the overall record must be one of high distinction.

In addition, the following considerations are important when preparing nominations:

- **Joint Nominations** – The nomination of two candidates for a joint award is not permitted, as their contributions to all three criteria generally differ and so it is difficult to evaluate two candidates on a joint basis. Instead, if two candidates are closely coupled, such as having achieved national or international recognition for a cooperative achievement, then separate nominations should be submitted in the same year.

- **Self Nominations** – Self nominations for the DEAA are not allowed.
• **Timeliness and Completeness** – Nominations received after the October 31 deadline, or which are not complete by the deadline, will be deferred until the following year. A nomination packet not conforming to the stated guidelines (including the stated minimum and maximum number of supporting letters) will be returned to the nominator.

• **Special Awards** – Special awards are for alumni whose distinction is outside the categories listed above or for non-alumni with particularly distinguished service to the college. Special awards are generally limited to one per year. A maximum of two special category awards may be presented in a given year; however, this shall be reserved as a rare exception. When a CU faculty or staff member is being considered for a special award as a non-alumnus/a, he or she should have first received other appropriate recognition by CU (such as the outstanding teaching, research, service and staff awards given by the college and campus) and then have made substantial additional service contributions to the college.

• **Awards Presentation** - Award recipients are asked to be present at the Engineering Awards Banquet (held each year in April) to accept the award in person, a condition for receiving the honor.

• **Active Period and Refreshing Nominations** – Nominations submitted after Jan. 1, 2017 will remain in active consideration for three years. Nominations submitted prior to this date will remain in active consideration for five years, per the rules at the time they were submitted. Nominators are encouraged to refresh nominations during their active period to add new information or achievements.

To nominate someone for the DEAA, please complete the [nomination form](mailto:engalumni@colorado.edu) and submit it along with the required supporting materials to engalumni@colorado.edu (email with pdf attachment(s) is preferred method of submission).

If you are unable to email your nomination, you may fax it to (303) 492-2199 or mail it to:

DEAA Selection Committee  
College of Engineering and Applied Science  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
422 UCB  
Boulder, CO 80309-0422

**Deadline for nominations is October 31.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

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