



ACI Student Chapter Awards Program

- 1. What is the ACI Student Chapter Awards Program?** *The Student and Young Professional Activities Committee (SYPAC) recognizes the achievement of outstanding student chapters whose activities align with ACI's strategic goal to increase participation and add value for its members. The student chapters will accomplish this by increasing opportunities for professional and academic growth, as well as strengthening relationships between the student chapter and ACI and its Local Chapters.*
- 2. How is this program different from the ACI Award for University Student Activities?** *The University Award Program was open to all universities; used a points-based scoring system; and only required a pdf application for submittal. The Student Chapter Awards Program is only open to universities with an active student chapter; judging will be conducted by a Task Group; and student chapters will be required to submit an annual report to remain in good standing and receive recognition.*
- 3. Why did the program change?** *We improved the program to reflect a fair level of engagement and participation by the student chapters on the local and international level. The University Awards Program awarded points to universities that had students/faculty advisors that traveled to in-person ACI Conventions and/or participated in committee meetings. We realized that a large percentage of our international and domestic student chapters could not participate in the ACI Conventions due to financial restraints, however, they were very active on campus and in the local concrete community.*
- 4. What type of award will the student chapters receive?** *The student chapters will receive a perpetual award plaque. This complimentary plaque will be provided to first-time recipients of the award program. For every year that the student chapter earns recognition, they will receive a plate with the year of the program [Ex. 2023 Outstanding Student Chapter]. The chapters will also receive a single digital banner to use for marketing and promotion.*
- 5. How many types of award categories will there be?** *SYPAC will no longer use the Excellent and Outstanding University Award categories. Instead, we will award a single category as Outstanding Student Chapter which is an industry standard for science and engineering societies and associations.*
- 6. What happens if we lose or break the plaque?** *If the plaque is damaged during shipping, ACI will absorb the cost to replace the plaque. If the plaque is lost or damaged after delivery, the student chapter shall be responsible for replacing the plaque in addition to any lost or damaged annual award plates.*
- 7. Who is responsible for storing the award plaque?** *We recommend that you allow your faculty advisor to store the award plaque in their campus office. If the faculty advisor changes, the student president should take possession of the award plaque until it can be given to the new faculty advisor.*
- 8. Is submitting an annual report optional or required?** *Submitting an annual report is a requirement for your student chapter to maintain good standing with ACI. If you do not submit an annual report, your student chapter will be*

placed on probation for 1 year. If your student chapter does not submit the report the following year, the chapter will be disbanded and removed from the ACI Chapter listing by the Chapter Activities Department.

9. **Will you provide us with feedback on the score we received?** No, we will not allow you to see the judges scores, but we will provide you with a copy of the annual report for the highest-ranking student chapter. The student chapter with the highest number of points will receive recognition as the Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year. You can review their annual report as a template to understand the expectations for a quality annual report as well as gain ideas for substantial student activities and programming to help your student chapter improve their ranking.
10. **My student chapter did not receive an award this year, what advice can you give me?** Submitting an annual report does not guarantee that your student chapter will receive an award. There is a minimum standard required to obtain outstanding status assessed by the Task Group. If your student chapter was not selected, we advise you to review and study the annual report for the Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year and examine how you can enhance your mission and operations plan to be successful.

11. Additional Awards

- A) **Student Chapter of the Year Award** – Available to the highest-ranking student chapter for that year. This award can only be obtained once in a 5-year period. If the student chapter ranks highest in the following year, the award will be given to the second highest ranking student chapter. (Available in 2024)
- B) **Student Chapter Leader of the Year Award** will be given to a student chapter officer who has displayed exceptional leadership in inspiring the members and seeking opportunities to advance the student chapter's mission and ACI's vision. The recipient can only receive this award once. (Available in 2025)
- C) **Mentor of the Year Award** will be given to a faculty advisor or local chapter officer who has displayed exceptional leadership in inspiring his students through guidance in participating in local/national student competitions; campus activities; and engagement with the local ACI sponsoring chapter. (Available in 2026)