



Professionals Dedicated To Arizona's Water



Quentin Mees Research Award

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The AZ Water Association Quentin Mees Research Award celebrates academic achievements by recognizing authors of exceptional research papers. In addition, the award is an effort to bring research in water-related technology to the level of practical use.

BACKGROUND

Quentin Mees was an esteemed Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Arizona from 1947 to 1979. He served as past president of both AWPCA and the Arizona section of ASCE, was a Director for AWWA and served on many boards and committees doing water-related work in Arizona. As a registered P.E. he did extensive consulting in water and air pollution. He authored numerous publications in environmental areas and in water supply and helped obtain large research grants for University of Arizona. His professional accomplishments were widely recognized by his colleagues. He received the Sidney Bedell and George Warren Fuller awards and others from several engineering societies. He died in September 1979 shortly after retiring from the University of Arizona.

In honor of Professor Quentin Mees, the AZ Water Association has been recognizing excellent works of research with this award since 1979.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The award selection committee consists of members representing consulting engineers, municipal water and wastewater operations, equipment manufacturers, water utilities, state universities, regulatory agencies, and research agencies.

Research papers are submitted to the Awards Program Committee by the authors to be reviewed and rated. The Awards Program Committee submits the research papers to the Research Committee to review and rate each one. Only one entry may be selected each year. For entries that are not selected for the award, the nomination can be resubmitted in subsequent years as long as the work was completed within the last five (5) years. An entry can receive the award only once. An award is not necessarily given out every year if a deserving award recipient cannot be selected from the field of entries. Peer reviewed published research papers from academic institutions and from the water industry are eligible to be submitted for the award.



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The committee contacts the authors of the selected research paper inviting them to the annual conference and letting them know when the paper will be presented.

GENERAL CRITERIA

Papers will be rated on six primary categories listed below:

1. Originality of research
2. Completeness
3. Pertinence to current water resource need or topic of concern in Arizona
4. Advancement of knowledge
5. Practical use application
6. Quality of presentation

Authors do not need to be members of the AZ Water Association.

NOMINATION PROCESS

In order to enter a research paper for this award, please submit the following information:

A. Title of Research

B. Author(s) Information:

List principle author and co-authors. Include name, affiliation, title, mailing address, telephone number and email.

C. Paper Requirements:

1. Research must have been completed within the last five (5) years.
2. Authors may resubmit a previously submitted paper that was not selected for the award, or an updated version of a previously submitted paper.
3. Candidate paper must have appropriate credits and acknowledgements.
4. Candidate paper submittal must not exceed 35 pages, including tables, figures and appendices.
5. References/bibliographies and must be in accordance with appropriate technical paper guidelines.
6. Complete Candidate Research Award Paper must be submitted for Committee review on or before **the posted deadline**.
7. Submit candidate research paper online through the AZ Water Awards Program Committee webpage.

RESEARCH PAPERS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY



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AWARD PRESENTATION

The award style is determined by the Awards Program Committee. The current award style is a 9" x 7" acrylic curvature sculpture.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference to each author. Also the research paper selected for the award is presented at the conference.