

Robert C. Williams Engineering Literary Awards
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Recognition and praise for exceptional and dedicated work is one of the key factors in job satisfaction and helps to build a strong and productive workplace. Nomination of written works for a Robert C. Williams Engineering Literary Award is an excellent way to recognize the exemplary written works of engineers and architects throughout the US Public Health Service (PHS). These awards are presented annually in two categories by the PHS Chief Engineer and Engineer Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC): (1) peer reviewed published papers, and (2) open articles/papers.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10, 2012

PURPOSE: To recognize outstanding written works of engineers and architects within PHS and to promote the literary achievements of the authors of written works.

ELIGIBILITY: Primary authors must be PHS Engineer Officers or Civil Service engineers or architects employed in the Department of Health and Human Services. Architects or engineers who are not full time employees of the USPHS (e.g. contractors, visiting scientists, persons working under internships or fellowships) may be included as secondary authors.

A nominated written work must:

1. Be published, presented, or completed within the two years prior to the date nominations are due and may include research papers, technical reports, project reports, or essays.
2. Describe original research or work and have been substantially completed by the lead author and not a contractor (e.g., a paper that describes a design or data developed by a contractor for which the lead author was the contract project officer would not be eligible).
3. Be cleared according to appropriate agency policies and procedures;
4. Discuss an aspect of public health engineering (e.g. environmental engineering design, construction of treatment works, design of orthopedic devices, etc.); and
5. Not exceed 15 pages in length. A synopsis or essay on a longer work can be submitted (e.g. a 10-page synopsis that discusses a 100-page regulation).

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Anyone can nominate an eligible work to be considered by the EPAC Awards Subcommittee, including self-nomination by the author.

1. One electronic (signed) copy of the following documents shall be submitted:
 - a. Application form
 - b. Nominated work
2. Nominations for written works meeting the eligibility criteria shall be submitted to and endorsed by an appointed EPAC representative (see www.usphsengineers.org for a current list of appointed EPAC representatives). Endorsement by an appointed EPAC representative constitutes certification by the EPAC representative that the work meets the cited eligibility criteria.
3. The endorsing appointed EPAC representative shall forward the nomination(s) to the Chair, EPAC Awards Subcommittee. The EPAC Awards Subcommittee will review and rank the nominations.
4. The EPAC Awards Subcommittee will select one Formal/ Professional Journal Publication, which includes Agency Publication and Peer Review, and one informal publication, which includes magazine articles.

DEADLINE: Nominations for the Robert C. Williams Engineering Literary Awards must be submitted on or before 10 February 2012.

FORM OF AWARD: The Robert C. Williams Engineering Literary Award winners shall receive a plaque and recognition during the annual USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium (or equivalent). If an award is presented for a work by more than one author, the lead author shall receive a plaque and the co-authors shall receive award certificates.

SCORING CRITERIA:

The Robert C. Williams Engineering Literary Award nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Originality 10 Points

Knowledge and Understanding 20 Points

Practical Application 25 Points

Clarity and Readability 15 Points

Impact on Public Health 30 Points

