

Distinguished Achievement Award in Basic or Applied Fiber Science The Process.

The Distinguished Achievement Award in Basic or Applied Fiber Science Committee consists of five members with staggering terms of 5 years. The appointees are previous recipients of the award, or other senior individuals, distinguished for their research careers and who are Honorary Members, or are recipients of the Founders' award. The Committee seeks to represent breadth of disciplines related to fiber science and technology and their use.

The Committee is charged to identify, or solicit nominations, in the prescribed format (see wb page for the nomination form) throughout the year. That is, the nominations can be solicited/made at any time during the year. Assessment of nominations, new or old, that meet the criteria for award, starts January 1. Nominations received after January 1 are included in the next year's pool (the year 2002 is an exception). Assessment process is to be completed, and recommendations to the FS GC made during spring, but no later than May 30th of the year. The awards are made at the fall Annual Meeting.

The assessment process includes solicitation of letters from three referees selected by the Committee, and may or may not include those suggested by the nominator(s). **Any self-promotion campaign by the candidate to seek the award will be grounds for disqualification.**

In addition to selecting a deserving candidate for the award for the current year, the Committee is responsible for developing a portfolio of nominations to be assessed by the next year's Committee,