

TCRTS Test-of-Time Award Regulation

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The TCRTS Awards Sub-Committee

1. Description

In order to recognize papers that have had a sustained and significant impact in the TCRTS community, the TCRTS Executive Committee will give the following awards every year:

- The **Real-Time Systems Test-of-Time Award** recognizes papers published on any venue that have had a sustained and significant impact on real-time systems research for at least one decade.
- The **RTSS Influential Paper Award** recognizes papers published on the RTSS proceedings that have had a sustained and significant impact on real-time systems research for at least one decade.
- The **RTAS Influential Paper Award** recognizes papers published on the RTAS proceedings that have had a sustained and significant impact on real-time systems research for at least one decade.

The papers are judged by their impact since publication. The award consists of a certificate for each author and possibly an honorarium, if sponsorship is available. A public citation for awarded papers will be placed on the TCRTS website.

2. Paper nomination procedure

A paper can be nominated by any individual that has been part of an RTSS or RTAS TPC by submitting a nomination letter outlining the significance of the work for the specific type of award. The same individual can submit multiple nominations.

3. ToT Awards Committee nomination

Every year, the TCRTS Executive Committee will appoint a chair of the ToT Awards Committee and three additional committee members. Committee members will be typically invited from the current and past Technical Program Committee (TPC) Chairs of major TCRTS conferences. In addition, other established members of the TCRTS community can also be considered to integrate the committee. To retain continuity and fairness, at least one member of the committee should continue for the next year's committee, but each committee member can only serve in the committee for at most three consecutive years.

4. Evaluation criteria

The criteria for evaluating the nominated papers will be defined by the TCRTS Executive Committee and published on the TCRTS web site.

5. Conflict of Interests

Every year, papers (co-)authored by the ToT Awards Committee members as well as the TCRTS Chair and Vice-Chair are not eligible. The definition of Col that will apply is the same as used for Program and Track Chairs defined in the TCRTS Transparency guidelines (available online under the Conferences tab). In case of Col of a committee member and a paper nomination, the respective member will not participate in the discussions associated to that paper and will be replaced by the TCRTS Chair or Vice-Chair to maintain quorum.

6. ToT Awards Committee responsibilities

The ToT Awards Committee is in charge of:

1. Making an open call to the community at large for the awards, specifying the paper nomination procedure.
2. Evaluating the nominated papers according to the defined criteria and identify the winner(s).
3. Provide a motivation sentence to be written on the award certificate.
4. Every nomination is valid for 2 years. The ToT awards committee should prepare a package with the nominations received but not awarded each year, to be carried forward to the next year.

NOTES:

- a. The ToT Awards Committee is encouraged to seek the opinion of the current and past TPC chairs of the TCRTS-sponsored conferences in seeking good nomination candidates.
- b. In each year and for each award, the ToT Awards committee can grant none, one or multiple awards (up to three, except special circumstances agreed with the TCRTS EC).
- c. In the case in which a paper should be selected for two awards (e.g., Real-Time Systems Test-of-Time Award and RTSS Influential Paper Award) the Real-Time Systems Test-of-Time Award has precedence over the other.
- d. A publication can be awarded once, only.