

IISE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering

Best Reviewer of the Year

Purpose and Eligibility

The journal of IISE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering is pleased to announce the establishment of “**Best Reviewer of the Year**” Award. This prestigious recognition aims to honor the exceptional contributions and dedication of reviewers who play a crucial role in maintaining the high quality and standards of our journal.

The award represents our commitment to recognizing and rewarding peer review in advancing the field of healthcare systems engineering. Through this award, we aim to inspire and motivate our reviewers to continue their outstanding service in shaping the high-quality landscape of Healthcare Systems Engineering.

To be eligible, the award recipient should meet the following criteria:

1. Have served as a reviewer for the journal of IISE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering.
2. Not received this award in the previous year.

Award Frequency and Limitations

This Award will be presented annually to highlight excellence in the peer review service. To maintain the prestige of this honor, the award is limited to two recipients per year, reflecting the exceptional review service and performance.

Eligibility for Future Awards

Previous award recipients can be considered again after a one-year break. There is no limit to how many times an individual can receive the award, encouraging continued contributions and services to the high quality and standards of IISE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering.

Selection Process

1. Award Committee Formation

Each year, the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) will appoint an Associate Editor (AE) to chair the award nomination and selection process. The chair will form an award committee that includes at least two additional editorial board members.

Members of the previous year’s award committee are not eligible to serve on the award committee. This composition shall ensure fair and transparent evaluations from diverse perspectives across different departments of the journal.

2. Award Selection

- By December 1st of each year, each editor can nominate up to 2 candidates from their areas for this award.
- The award committee will evaluate the annual performance reports of reviewers and select the best reviewers among the nominations, based on performance

criteria that include:

- The number of papers reviewed in the year.
- The average of review turnaround time.
- The quality of reviews (in-depth, constructive, clear guidance to authors).
- Editors' feedback about the reviewers.

The award committee shall review all nominations to confirm eligibility requirements are met. Conflicts of interests (e.g., categorized by NSF) shall be declared and avoided during the evaluation and selection process.

3. Award Committee Timeline

By February 1st, the committee will convene to discuss the merits of each candidate and select the final awardee through a voting process.

4. Approval and Notification

After selection, the awardee will be presented to the EIC and IISE VP of Publication for final approval. The recipient will be notified and announced by March 1st.

Announcement of Awards

The award will be presented annually at the *IISE Annual Conference*, typically held in May, offering an opportunity to publicly recognize the awardee's contributions to the journal and the field of broad healthcare systems engineering.