

STUDENT ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP AWARD ENTRY GUIDE 2026 AUCKLAND AWARDS

The Student Engineering Leadership Award recognises an engineering student or group of students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, collaboration and impact within the engineering community in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland – before they’ve even graduated! It celebrates students who go beyond academic achievement to inspire peers, contribute to the profession and make a positive difference socially, environmentally or economically.

Judging criteria

Entries for this award should demonstrate the following characteristics as they relate to the nominee/s:

- **Leadership (30%):** How nominee/s show initiative, influence, and ability to inspire others.
- **Impact (30%):** Measurable benefits to the profession, community, or environment.
- **Collaboration (20%):** Evidence of teamwork and partnership.
- **Innovation in engagement (20%):** Creative approaches to communication, outreach or professional development.

Award details

- Only one Student Engineering Leadership Award will be awarded.
- Where there is more than one nominee in an award-winning entry, each person named as a nominee will receive a certificate.
- All finalists will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.
- The nominator and nominee/s accept that the judges’ decisions are final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

Eligibility

- Open to individuals or teams enrolled in an Engineering New Zealand-accredited qualification between November 2023 and November 2025.
- Contributions, leadership and impact to which an entry substantially relates must have occurred while enrolled and studying.
- When entries close, nominees:
 - must be a Student Member of Engineering New Zealand if they are currently studying, or
 - a current member of Engineering New Zealand, if their study is complete and their entry relates to their time as a student (ie a recent graduate).
- Entries must include the details of an academic sponsor (eg a dean, programme director or equivalent, or a student association leader) with a short supporting statement.

Membership is free for students enrolled in accredited qualifications, and sign up is both easy and immediate. Visit the [Engineering New Zealand website](#) to sign up now.

Entries

- Entries open on Friday 14 November 2025
- An entry for this award comprises:
 - A completed nomination form – closes on Friday 30 January 2026, and
 - A completed entry form – closes on Friday 27 February 2026
- Nomination forms are completed online. Visit the [Auckland Awards website](#) for more information.
- Entry forms should be emailed to the [Engineering New Zealand Auckland Branch](#) before the closing date.
- The awards will be presented on Friday 15 May at the 2026 Auckland Awards.