

# The James L. Massey Research & Teaching Award for Young Scholars

*Description:* Awarded annually to recognize outstanding achievement in research & teaching in information theory by a young scholar who exemplifies the special quality of James L. Massey to integrate outstanding research with excellence in teaching.

*Prize:* The award consists of a plaque and a \$1000 honorarium.

*Funding:* The award is funded by the IEEE Information Theory Society.

*Eligibility:* The nominee must be 40 years old or younger and a member of the Information Theory Society on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year nominated.

*Selection:* Subcommittee chaired by the Senior Past President and consisting of two other Society members selected by the Nominations and Appointments Committee, at least one of whom is a member of the Society Board of Governors.

*Basis for Judging:* Based on the research & teaching contributions of the nominee. Contributions to research will be judged by the perceived impact of the nominee on the field of Information Theory as evidenced by publications, patents, product development, research awards, and other tangible items. Contributions to teaching will be judged by evidence of new and innovative teaching methods, curriculum development with inclusion of current research, teaching/learning tools made available to students and faculty worldwide, textbook authorship, university teaching awards, and innovative short courses and tutorials in fields of interest to the Information Theory Society. The nominator should submit a nomination package that includes a description (maximum three pages) of the nominee's contributions, accomplishments, and impact on research & teaching in the field of Information Theory, a brief biography of the nominee, and a maximum of three letters of recommendation. In evaluating nominees, equal weight will be given to research & teaching accomplishments.

*Presentation:* Given annually at the awards luncheon of the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory.

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## *Suggested Bylaws Text:*

The IEEE Information Theory Society James L. Massey Research & Teaching Award for Young Scholars will be given annually to a young scholar who exemplifies the special quality of James L. Massey to integrate outstanding research with excellence in teaching. The nominee must be 40 years old or younger and a member of the IEEE Information Theory Society on January 1st of the year nominated.

The award consists of an appropriately worded plaque and a \$1000 honorarium.

The selection of the award winner will be made by a subcommittee chaired by the Senior Past President and consisting of two other Society members selected by the Nominations and Appointments Committee, at least one of whom is a member of the Society Board of Governors.

A Call for Nominations will be published in the Information Theory Society Newsletter and posted on the Society website at least 3 months prior to the submission deadline. Nominations must include:

- 1 A description (maximum three pages) of the nominee's contributions, accomplishments and impact on research & teaching in the field of Information Theory.

- 2 A brief biography of the nominee.
- 3 A maximum of three letters of recommendation.

In evaluating nominees, equal weight will be given to research & teaching accomplishments.

Nominations must be submitted by January 31 of the award year.

The selection of the winner will be completed by March 31. The recipient will be informed by the Society President after the selection has been made, and no later than April 15. The award will be presented at the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) of the award year, and will be announced in the Information Theory Society newsletter and on the Society webpage.