



## JAMES DOUGLAS GOLD MEDAL

### Guidelines & Procedures

#### Overview

The James Douglas Gold Medal (Douglas Award) recognizes distinguished achievement in non-ferrous metallurgy, including both the beneficiation of ores and the alloying and utilization of nonferrous metals.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies, but preference is given to members. If a committee member is nominated, they will either find a replacement committee member so that they can resign for the year or remove their nomination until their term is up. Candidate must be living or passed away prior to May 1st of the nomination year.

No AIME Major Award winner is eligible to be nominated for another AIME Major Award until 9 years shall have elapsed, and the nomination support package shall conspicuously reference work in a new field or significant new accomplishments in the field for which the original award was made. (The AIME Major Awards are the Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal, Robert Earll McConnell Award, James Douglas Gold Medal, Hal Williams Hardinge Award, Erskine Ramsay Medal, Robert H. Richards Award, William Lawrence Saunders Gold Medal, Benjamin F. Fairless Award and Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal.)

AIME Board members are exempt from receiving AIME awards.

The Douglas Award was established by AIME in 1922 in memory of James Douglas, industrialist, mining and metallurgical engineer, inventor of metallurgical equipment, author, and founder of the Phelps Dodge Corporation. He was the donor of the AIME James Douglas Library Fund, the income of which is specifically earmarked for the support of the Engineering Societies Library, situated in the United Engineering Center in New York City. Dr. Douglas was AIME President in 1899 and 1900 and received AIME Honorary Membership in 1906.

#### Timeline

The Douglas Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due Date	Task
June 1	Award Nomination Deadline
June 30	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
July 15	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
July 25	Second round of voting complete (if needed)
August 1	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
September 15	Recipient is notified
SME Annual Meeting or TMS Annual Meeting	Award is presented

#### Nominations

Nominations for the Douglas Award the following information:

1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.
2. Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award (no longer than 2

pages each).

3. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum).
4. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
5. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
6. Appropriate award citation.

All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted online.

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**Administration** The Douglas Award is administered jointly by SME (MPD) and TMS (EPD), with each society taking the lead role on alternating years (SME even Award years; TMS odd Award years). Award administration follows the timeline listed above.

The award committee consists of three MPD representatives (Past Chair, Chair, and Associate Chair of the Division) and three EPD representatives (Past Chair, Vice Chair, and Awards Chair of the Division). The senior representative from the lead society serves as committee chair during that society's lead year. If a committee member is nominated for the award, s/he will either remove the nomination until the term is up or find a replacement committee member so s/he may resign from the committee.

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**Selection of Recipients** Recipients of the award shall be selected by majority vote the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval of the MPD Executive Committee, the EPD Executive Committee, the SME Board of Directors and the TMS Board of Directors. The Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.

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**Award** The James Douglas Gold Medal shall consist of a 2-3/4" gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of James Douglas and on which the recipient's name and year of presentation are inscribed, and a certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.

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**Presentation of Award** The Award will be presented at either the SME Annual Meeting or the TMS Annual Meeting, at the discretion of the recipient. If the recipient elects to receive the award at the SME Annual Meeting, the award will be presented during the SME/AIME Awards banquet and the recipient will be recognized at the MPD Luncheon. If the recipient elects to receive the award at the TMS Annual Meeting, the award will be presented during the TMS/AIME Awards banquet and the recipient will be recognized at the EPD Luncheon.

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**Funding** All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME or TMS will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in.

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**Amendments** These regulations may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the MPD Executive Committee, EPD Executive Committee, SME Board of Directors, TMS Board of Directors, and AIME Board of Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.

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**Questions**

Questions may be directed to:

Odd Numbered Years e.g. 2019

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Or Even Years

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