



Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers

Early Career Award Application

First Name

Last Name

Address 1

Address 2

City

State /Prov.

Country

Zip

Phone#

E-mail

Current affiliation

Current status

Highest academic degree

Year degree was awarded.

Date

Signature Field

STLE Early Career Award Application Instructions

What are the early career awards?

The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) Early Career Awards honor outstanding contributions made by students, young researchers and junior-level academic faculty to the field of tribology. Winners will be honored at the STLE Annual Meeting in May, and their contributions in the annual meeting will be highlighted in the conference program. Applications are evaluated by the STLE Early Career Committee, with the assistance of the STLE Presidential Council. The awards provide financial assistance to eligible candidates in attending the STLE Annual Meeting.

Who is eligible?

Student: At the time of the application deadline, the applicant is currently enrolled and in good standing in a BS, MS, or PhD program at a university. Students graduating in April or May of the same year as STLE will be evaluated in the student category.

Postdoctoral Researcher: At the time of the application deadline, the applicant is currently employed as a postdoctoral researcher at an academic, national lab, or industry setting. The applicant must be within five years of receiving a doctoral degree.

Academic Professional: At the time of the application deadline, the applicant is currently employed as an Assistant Professor (or equivalent) at a degree-granting institution. If the applicant holds a tenure-track position, the applicant must be pre-tenure. If the applicant holds a non-tenure-track position, then the applicant must be within five years of starting employment as an Assistant Professor (or equivalent).

Industry Professional: At the time of the application deadline, the applicant is currently employed at a non-degree-granting institution, such as a corporation or a national lab. The applicant must be within five years of starting his/her post-PhD employment.

Additionally, applicants must:

- Actively be involved in tribology research.
- Participate in the Annual Meeting by giving an oral presentation.
- Submit a complete application on or before the application deadline.
- Not have received the STLE Early Career Award previously

What is the application procedure?

Complete applications must include both the application form/essay and reference letter.

PART ONE:

Send the following as one PDF file via email to Membership@stle.org before the **December 1, 2021**, application deadline:

- This page with original signatures on the following page (scan and email)
- Your current CV
- Your submitted abstract to the STLE annual meeting (indicate which topic area)
- A 1-page description of your research that specifically addresses the following questions:
 1. What question or problem is your research trying to solve?
 2. What methods/techniques are you employing to perform your research?
 3. How is this research new or different from what has been done before?
 4. How do you anticipate that your research will benefit others (specify impact, for instance in terms of energy conservation or the enabling a new technology)?

PART TWO:

A letter of recommendation must be submitted from an academic advisor or another researcher in the field. The letter of recommendation must be sent separately, from the recommender to Membership@stle.org and should include the name of the applicant in the subject line of the email. The letter of recommendation must also be received before the application deadline.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Early Career Committee, with assistance from representatives of the STLE Presidential Council, who are not affiliated with organizations from which an application was submitted. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- The applicant meets all eligibility criteria listed above.
- Quality and originality of the research described.
- Contributions to academic/industrial community and the field of tribology
- Promise for future contributions to the field of tribology.
- Only one applicant per research group may receive this support for each conference.

Post-Award Commitments

Members who receive this support will be expected to give back to our STLE community, including being present for a photo shoot at the STLE Annual Meeting and potentially contributing to early career-focused articles in TLT Magazine.