

Call for nominations for the Cohen-Riesenfeld Young Investigator Award

In 2026, the Solid Modeling Association (SMA) has established this award to honor Elaine Cohen and Richard Riesenfeld for their lifetime contributions to the field. The Cohen-Riesenfeld Young Investigator Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments, particularly outstanding published papers in the area of Solid Modeling, by researchers of 40 years or younger. That is, eligibility requires that the nominee does not turn 41 in the year the award is presented. The Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation has funded this award in perpetuity through a generous contribution. The awardee receives a stipend of approximately \$2,500.

Nomination Form and Timeline:

To nominate a candidate for the Cohen-Riesenfeld Young Investigator Award, please download and complete the nomination form below. Please rename the completed form using the nominee's name, for example, "Cohen-Riesenfeld-YIA-Nomination-Form_John_Smith.pdf".

Please send the completed nomination form by e-mail to the Cohen-Riesenfeld YIA Award Committee Chair, and copy the SMA Executive Committee Chair. The e-mail should be sent from the e-mail account of the nominator. For the e-mail subject line, please use "Cohen-Riesenfeld YIA Nomination".

- Download nomination form (PDF), complete, and send via e-mail.
- The information on this webpage can be downloaded here (PDF).

Each year, the nomination deadline and the contact information for the Chair(s) of the SMA Awards Committee will be announced by e-mail to SMA members and posted on the SMA website (www.solidmodeling.org).

Each nominator may nominate only one candidate for this award. Self-nominations are not accepted. Current SMA Executive Committee members are not eligible to nominate candidates or to be nominated for SMA awards.

Selection Process and Announcement:

Each year, the recipient is selected from the submitted nominations by a vote of the Cohen-Riesenfeld YIA Award Committee. The committee chair is appointed by the SMA Executive Committee, and the chair then selects the committee members. The details of the nomination and voting process are left to the discretion of the committee chair.

The recipient is announced at the SPM conference and posted on the SMA website. After the selection is finalized, the award recipient will be asked to provide a short biography, suggested announcement text, and a photo for posting on the SMA awards webpage.

Best regards,

SMA Executive Committee