

# Call for nominations for the SMA 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 distinction of the SMA Cohen-Riesenfeld Young Investigator Award, please fill in the nomination form (provided below) and change the file name for the completed form using the nominee name (e.g., "Cohen-Riesenfeld\_nomination\_John\_Smith.pdf") and send it by e-mail to the SMA Executive and Awards Committee Chairs. For the e-mail subject line, please use "SMA Cohen-Riesenfeld YIA Nomination". The e-mail should be sent from the e-mail account of the nominator.

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

The current deadline and the contact information of the Chair(s) of the SMA Awards Committee (for submission or questions) are announced via e-mail to SMA members and posted on the SMA website ([www.solidmodeling.org](http://www.solidmodeling.org)).

Every nominator can only nominate one candidate for each award. Self-nomination is not accepted. The current SMA EC members are not eligible for nominating or being nominated for any SMA awards.

## **Selection Process and Announcement:**

Each year, the recipients are selected by a vote of the SMA Cohen-Riesenfeld YIA Award Committee. The chair of this committee is appointed by the SMA Executive Committee, and the chair in turn selects the committee members. The recipients are announced at the SPM conference and posted on the SMA website, along with the suggested announcement text, a short bio, and a photo of each recipient.

Best regards,

**SMA Executive Committee**