

IFAC Industry Committee Awards

The IFAC Industry committee is proud to introduce two new awards to recognize significant contributions of control theory with impact on industry

IFAC Industry Committee Doctoral Thesis Award

The award recognizes PhD thesis in the field of control with demonstrated potential of significant business impact on a specific Industry Entity (a Company, a Corporation, or a major Industry Organization).

Eligibility criteria: The individual must be affiliated with IFAC and having defended a PhD Thesis up to 3 years before the deadline, with focus on development/application of control in industry.

PhD thesis for which the IndCom Chair or evaluation committee members are part of the PhD thesis committee or collaborators (based on published papers) are not eligible.

Criteria for evaluation: significance of potential of business impact, likelihood of business impact to actually occur, novelty of the methods developed, societal impact of the product/service involved, included documentation.

IFAC Industry Committee Practitioner Award

The award recognizes practitioner (Individual/Team) in the field of control with demonstrated significant business impact on a specific Industry Entity (Company, a Corporation, or a major Industry Organization).

Eligibility criteria: The individual/Team must be affiliated with IFAC, being prevalently in Industry (if Individual, the principal, if Team, the lead contributor and more than 50% of the Team). A key milestone of the contribution nominated for the award must have occurred within the previous 6 years before the deadline, with focus on development/application of control in industry.

Contributions including the current IndCom Chair or current evaluation committee members (based on published papers and other public information) are not eligible.

Criteria for evaluation: significance of business impact, novelty of the methods developed, societal impact of the product/service involved, included documentation.

Timeline & Procedure

Nomination form located at: <https://sites.ifac-control.org/industry/task-forces/awards>

Submit via email to IFAC Ind. Committee Chair: Dr. K. Brooks, kevin.brooks@wits.ac.za

- Form Submission deadline: November 15th, 2025
- Support letter Submission: November 30th, 2025
- Awardees notification: February 20th, 2026
- Award Ceremony: IFAC World Congress 2026, August 23-26, Busan, KR