

Request for Recommendations for the 64th Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Awards

The Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering (PFESE)

(1) History of the Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering

In 1952, Mr. Gozaburo Tanaka, the then president of Ohmsha, Ltd. established “the OHM Technology Awards” to recognize those who contributed to the development of electrical science and technology in order to revitalize such technology and pursue the vision of transforming Japan into a technology-intensive nation. In the same year, Dr. Yasujiro Niwa (an awardee of the Order of Culture) was elected as the first chairperson of the OHM Technology Award Nomination Committee and on January 17, 1953 the first award ceremony was held after a rigorous evaluation process.

The OHM Technology Awards were unique in that recipients were to be selected from a group of competent engineers, researchers, and professors who had not enjoyed opportunities of commendation yet, whatever their social status or academic background might be. In its quest, the committee turned to various related circles all over Japan for their recommendations.

At the tenth anniversary of the OHM Technology Awards in the year of 1962, under the guidance of the Science and Technology Agency, the OHM Technology Promotion Foundation was established so that the Awards could be more publicly recognized in proportion to its heightened reputation in Japan. Dr. Matsujiro Oyama was elected as its first chairperson. In 1964, the Foundation was renamed the Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering and the chairmanship was then succeeded by Dr. Noboru Takagi in 1982, and later by Dr. Yasuji Sekine in 2004.

(2) Activities of the Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Awards (The OHM Technology Award)

The Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Awards (ESEP Awards) are bestowed to recognize the excellence of selected achievements during the year. Every recipient is to be presented with a certificate of merit and commemorative shield; and a fixed amount of a supplemental monetary prize is to be given to each team of award winners. Engraved on the shield is an image modeled after the God of Thunder enshrined at a corner of “*Sanjyusangendo*” in Kyoto, which is famous for its Buddhist statues including “*Senju Kannon*.” This shield bearing an engraving of the God of Thunder immaculately posed on a cloud, carrying the thundering drums arranged on the huge ring on its back has become familiar to the electrical engineering and business circles, and is now highly admired as a precious and incomparable token.

(3) Recommendations for the 64th Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Awards (Year 2016)

The Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering (PFESE) has commenced to accept recommendations for the 64th Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Awards.

Application documents are available at the HP of Ohmsha, Ltd. (<http://www.ohmsha.co.jp>) and expected to be submitted to the following address by June 30, 2016.

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