

# The International Test and Evaluation Association T&E Professional Awards

## Allen R. Matthews Award

**Description:** The Allen R. Matthews Award was established in honor of ITEA's founder. The award is presented to an individual for a lasting, significant contribution to the field of T&E, such as the cumulative effect of a distinguished career. It is the highest award bestowed by ITEA.

**Eligibility:** The recipient need not be a member of ITEA, however contributions to ITEA and to other professional technical associations with a connection to T&E will be a factor in the selection process. Groups, organizations, or institutions are not eligible for this award.

### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Length of time over which contributions have been made
2. Impact of the contribution on T&E
3. Significant achievements that benefited a professional technical association (e.g. ITEA, ITC, AIAA, NDIA) as a result of an office held or committee involvement
4. Services performed that enhance and strengthen the profession of T&E

## Special Achievement Award

**Description:** The Special Achievement Award recognizes a recent outstanding achievement in test and evaluation engineering, technology, or management such as the solution of a major problem, or a notable project success for which there is evidence that tangible benefits have accrued.

**Eligibility:** Candidates need not be member of ITEA. The award may be presented to an individual, group, or organization.

### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Demonstrated innovated utilization of management tools to enhance the execution of the test and evaluation plan.
2. Developed innovative concepts and processes for utilization during the planning, execution and reporting of test & evaluation events.
3. Utilized creative management tools to control cost and schedule.
4. Utilized innovative approaches/processes/concepts for resolving problems and/or critical test and evaluation issues.
5. Provided quick, accurate, and responsive feedback to the decision maker.
6. Developed, coordinated, and completed timely, accurate, precise, and comprehensive reports.
7. Executed the test and evaluation event in a timely and efficient manner resulting in project savings.
8. Placed emphasis on the safety of human resources, and the proper maintenance of the testing environment.

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## Technical Achievement Award

**Description:** The Technical Achievement Award recognizes an individual or group for outstanding achievement of applying Instrumentation, Information Technology, or Modeling and Simulation to cause a test and evaluation program to be better, faster, cheaper.

**Eligibility:** Any individual or team associated with test is eligible to receive the award. The individual or team members do not have to be active members of ITEA.

### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Benefit to the customer
2. Direct savings to the program in dollars and schedule
3. Increase in information to the T&E customer

## Richard G. Cross Award

**Description:** The Cross Award was established in honor of the late Major General Richard G. Cross, Jr., USAF (Ret), one of the most highly respected individuals in the field of test and evaluation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. ITEA presents this award to recognize outstanding achievements in the development or administration of test and evaluation education.

**Eligibility:** The Cross Award may be awarded to any deserving individual, organization, or institution. ITEA membership is not a requirement for eligibility, but will be considered during the Committee's selection process.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of test and evaluation education by means of accomplishment in one or more of the following areas.

1. Administration. Establish a test and evaluation education program in a recognized institution of higher learning, either civilian or military; or administer an existing program with such professional competence as to merit special recognition.
2. Education. Exhibit exceptional technical competence as an educator on one or more of the academic subject areas in the general field of test and evaluation. Educational efforts that promote test and evaluation as a professional discipline shall be a prime evaluation criterion.
3. Research. Develop new theories, concepts, or techniques for use in test and evaluation education. The results should be documented and available for general use.

## Publication Award – a separate nomination form is required

**Description:** The Publication Award recognizes outstanding contributions to test and evaluation literature. ITEA presents this award to honor individuals whose published books and technical papers have improved and increased the general body of knowledge relevant to better understanding and development of test and evaluation technology. The literary works considered may be broad in scope or may address a single functional area that is included under the test and evaluation umbrella.

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**Eligibility:** The Publications Award may be awarded to any author or authors whose literary work is of high quality and addresses test and evaluation topics. Membership in ITEA is not required; however, the literary works for which the author is nominated should complement ITEA's goals. Co-authors are eligible for joint recognition. Organizations, groups, or institutions are not eligible. The following prerequisites also apply:

- (a) Published work must be original and must adhere to the accepted practices of scholarly research methods. Proper credits must be given where material is drawn from other sources; the conclusions are to be suitably justified, and statements of opinion are to be identified as such.
- (b) An author can only receive this award one time for the same publication.
- (c) Only published works available to the public will be considered.

### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Published works will generally be ranked according to the following hierarchy:
  - Books by a single author
  - Books by co-authors
  - Books by an editor
  - Monograph series
  - Monograph
  - Referred article in a published journal
  - Tutorial text
  - Series of by-lined technical articles
  - Television script, where authorship is specified
2. Relative impact of the published work in terms of its influence in the test and evaluation field.
3. The degree to which the author drew upon approved research methods in the justification of any conclusions.
4. The organization of the published material, editorial style, and conciseness of presentation.

### Time-Space-Positioning Information and Electro-optics Award (TSPI/E-O)

**Description:** The award recognizes individuals who contribute outstanding achievements and made significant contributions to the advancement of Time-Space-Positioning Information (TSPI) data collection and electro-optics (E-O) T&E.

**Eligibility:** The recipient of the TSPI/E-O Award must be an individual and need not be an active member of ITEA.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Award is granted based on the recommendation of an independent team of professionals using the following, equally weighted, evaluation factors applied to the written nomination:

1. Relative Value of Contribution to T&E - Since this is an ITEA award, it is considered valuable that the contribution to, or advancement of, the state of the art has a value or application to the Test and Evaluation (T&E) process or community.
2. Extent of Application - Since ITEA is attempting to enhance the T&E process; it is considered that a contribution or advancement is more valuable if it has a broader or more extensive application in the T&E community.
3. Relationship to TSPI/E-O - Since this is the TSPI/E-O award, the contribution or advancement is considered more valuable if it is connected with Time, Space-Position Information (TSPI) systems and/or Electro-Optical systems.
4. Personal Contribution of Nominee - Since this is an individual award, the contribution or advancement is considered of greater value if the person who is to receive the recognition actually contributed to the advancement or contribution.