

# **What Every SIG Chair Should Remember about ACM Awards**

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# **“Promoting” Your SIG Members**

- **Are your members really being nominated for awards?**
  - Often people just assume key figures are being nominated
- **Your EC can be more proactive**
  - Suggest candidates to people who would make good nominators
  - Tell them there's guidance about what's needed on [awards.acm.org](http://awards.acm.org)
  - Remind community of key deadlines

# Focusing Your SIG's Efforts

- Which awards are we talking about?
  - Some are discipline specific (you probably already know about those)
  - Other awards target specific career levels
- All described at [awards.acm.org](http://awards.acm.org)
  - “How to Nominate” page for each award gives specifics

# Early Career (First 10 Years)

- ACM/Infosys Award
  - Contribution by “young” scientist/developer to a contemporary innovation with depth, fundamental impact & broad implications
- Grace Murray Hopper Award
  - Outstanding young computer professional of the year, on the basis of a single major technical or service contribution
- Also encourage Senior Members
  - Self-nominated, after 5 years ACM member

# Mid Career (10-20 Years)

- Encourage Distinguished Members
  - Recognized for contribution to computer science research, practice, education, or policy
- Lawler Award for Humanitarian Contributions in CS
  - Individual or group who has made a significant humanitarian contribution through the use of computing technology

# Late Career (20+ Years)

- **Distinguished Service Award**
  - Service contributions to the computing community at large
- **Kanellakis Theory & Practice Award**
  - Theoretical accomplishments that have had a significant and demonstrable effect on the practice of computing
- **Karlstrom Outstanding Educator Award**
  - New teaching methodologies, new curriculum development, or significant contribution to ACM's educational mission

# Late Career (20+ Years)

- **Software System Award**

- Institution or individuals who developed a software system that has had a lasting influence on computing

- **Encourage Fellows**

- Recognized for outstanding technical, professional and leadership contributions

# Now Is the Perfect Time

- The awards I've listed have a deadline of 30 Nov
  - There's still time to find a candidate, contact a nominator, and help identify endorsers
  - Fellow and Senior/Distinguished Member deadlines are on the website

**Help Your Members Be Recognized!**

