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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE
ROORKEE – 247 667, UTTARAKHAND, INDIA**

Call for Nominations for

**ISSET BIOT AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN EARTHQUAKE
ENGINEERING WITH EMPHASIS ON BIOT RESPONSE SPECTRUM METHOD-2026**

Mrs. Nadine Biot, Avenue Paul Hymans, 117 Bte 34, B 1200 Brussels, Belgium has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISSET Biot Award for Significant Contributions in Earthquake Engineering with emphasis on Biot Response Spectrum Method**” in the name of Dr. Maurice A. Biot to honour individuals for their outstanding contributions in Earthquake Engineering with emphasis on Biot Response Spectrum Method. The award consists of an award money of INR 2,00,000/- and a Citation. This award was instituted on March 02, 2016. The past winners of the award are as follows.

1. **Year 2018:** Prof. Mihailo D. Trifunac, Sonny Astani Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA
2. **Year 2022:** Prof. Vinay K. Gupta, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur respectively.

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5. A statement of 500 words on the significant contributions made by the nominee.
6. Any other relevant information.

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For any further information, please contact: **Prof. B.K. Maheshwari**, President, ISET and Former Shamsheer Prakash Chair Professor, Department of Earthquake Engineering, IIT Roorkee, E-mail: bk.maheshwari@eq.iitr.ac.in, office@iset.org.in, iset@iitr.ac.in

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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET V.H. JOSHI AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN STRUCTURAL
DYNAMICS-2026**

Prof. V.H. Joshi, Life Fellow & Former President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISSET) and Prof. (Retd.), Department of Earthquake Engineering, IIT Roorkee has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISSET V.H. Joshi Award for Significant Contributions in Structural Dynamics**” to honour individuals for their outstanding contributions in Structural Dynamics. The award consists of an award money of INR 1,25,000/-, and a Citation. This award was instituted on December 01, 2012. The past winners of the award are as follows.

1. **Year 2014:** Dr. Subrata Chakraborty, Professor, Dept. of Civil Eng., Indian Institute of Eng. Science and Tech. Shibpur, Howrah.
2. **Year 2022 (joint):** Prof. Firdaus E. Udwadia, University of Southern California, USA and Dr. Maria I. Todorovska, University of Southern California, USA respectively.

This is a call for nominations for the “**ISSET V.H. Joshi Award for Significant Contributions in Structural Dynamics**” for the year 2026. Any member/fellow of the Society may either nominate a person for this award or forward nomination papers. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the President, ISSET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. Each nomination should be accompanied by a detailed bio-data of the person nominated highlighting his/her achievements in area of specialization identified for this award including the following information.

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Call for Nomination for

**ISSET SHAMSHER PRAKASH AWARD FOR LIFE-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS IN
GEOTECHNICAL EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING-2026**

Prof. Shamsheer Prakash, Honorary Fellow & former President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) and Professor Emeritus, Department of Civil Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO 65409-0030, USA has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISET Shamsheer Prakash Award for Life-Time Contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” to honour individuals for their outstanding contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering. The award consists of an award money of INR 51,000/-, plus a Shawl, and a plaque. This award was instituted on March 12, 2008. The past winners of the award are as follows.

1. **Year 2010:** Prof. W.D. Liam Finn, Department of Civil Engineering, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada.
2. **Year 2014:** (1st award) Prof. George Gazetas, National Technical University Athens (NTUA), Greece, and (2nd award) Prof. Ricardo Dobry, Institute Professor and Director, NEES-NSF Geotechnical Centrifuge Research Center, NY 12180, USA.
3. **Year 2018:** (1st award) Prof. Ross W. Boulanger, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Davis, USA, and (2nd award) Prof. Ikuo Towhata, Towhata Architects and Engineers, Japan.
4. **Year 2022:** as joint winner to **Prof. Amir M. Kaynia**, Professor, Dept. of Structural Engineering Norwegian Univ. of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway and **Prof. Susumu Yasuda** Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Denki University, College of Science and Engineering, Tokyo Denki University, Japan.

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1. Name of the candidate with the date of birth, and affiliation
2. Complete postal address, telephone, mobile, and e-mail
3. Chronology of education and positions held
4. Complete list of refereed publications in journals
5. A statement of about 500 words on the significant contributions in the area of Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering made by the nominee
6. Any other relevant information

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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET SHAMSHER PRAKASH MID CAREER RESEARCH AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION IN GEOTECHNICAL EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING -2026**

Prof. Shamsheer Prakash, Honorary Fellow and former President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) and Professor Emeritus, Department of Civil Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO 65409-0030, USA has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISET Shamsheer Prakash Mid-Career Research Award for Significant Contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” to honour mid-career researchers for their outstanding contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering. The award consists of an award money of INR 51,000/-, plus a Shawl, and a plaque. The past winner of the award is as follow.

1. **Year 2022:** Prof. Neelima Satyam, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, Khandwa Road, Simrol, Madhya Pradesh– (INDIA).

Eligibility: Candidates shall have post Ph.D. experience of a minimum of ten years as a faculty/scientist in an Indian university/organization. The candidate shall be below the age of 45 during the time of nomination. Candidate should be a mid-career researcher, who has contributed extensively to research, teaching, innovation and societal outreach in geotechnical earthquake engineering/soil dynamics in India. The research works carried out in India only shall be considered

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated research innovations through publications – books/ journals
- Patents filed/granted
- Product and model development
- Ph.D./Masters student guidance
- Research projects carried out
- Industry applied research work
- Contributions to technical societies and outreach
- Conference, workshops, and short-term courses organized

This is a call for nomination for the “**ISET Shamsheer Prakash Mid-Career Research Award for Significant Contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” for the year 2026. Any member/fellow of the Society may either nominate a person for this award or forward nomination papers. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the President, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. Each nomination should be accompanied by a detailed bio-data of the person nominated highlighting his/her achievements in area of specialization identified for this award including the following information.

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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET SHAMSHER PRAKASH EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION IN GEOTECHNICAL EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING -2026**

Prof. Shamsheer Prakash, Honorary Fellow and former President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) and Professor Emeritus, Department of Civil Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO 65409-0030, USA has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISET Shamsheer Prakash Early-Career Research Award for Significant Contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” to encourage young researchers in their early career for their outstanding contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering. The award consists of an award money of INR 51,000/-, plus a Shawl, and a plaque. The past winner of the award is as follow.

1. **Year 2022:** Dr. Supriya Mohanty, Assistant professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi.

Eligibility: Candidates shall have post Ph.D. experience of a minimum of two years as a faculty/scientist in an Indian university/organization. The candidate shall be below the age of 35 during the time of nomination. Candidate should be a young researcher who has contributed significantly to research and innovation in Geotechnical Engineering in India. The research works carried out in India only shall be considered

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated research innovations through publications – books/ journals
- Patents filed/granted
- Product and model development
- Ph.D./Masters student guidance
- Research projects carried out
- Industry applied research work

This is a call for nominations for the “**ISET Shamsheer Prakash Early -Career Research Award for Significant Contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” for the year 2026. Any member/fellow of the Society may either nominate a person for this award or forward nomination papers. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the President, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. Each nomination should be accompanied by a detailed bio-data of the person nominated highlighting his/her achievements in area of specialization identified for this award including the following information.

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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET TRIFUNAC AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN STRONG MOTION
EARTHQUAKE STUDIES – 2026**

Prof. M.D. Trifunac, Honorary Fellow of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) and Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, U.S.A. has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISET Trifunac Award for Significant Contributions in Strong Motion Earthquake Studies**” to honour individuals for their outstanding contributions in Strong Motion Earthquake Studies. The award consists of an award money of INR 30,000/- and a Citation. This award was instituted on December 17, 2002. The past winners of the award are as follow.

1. **Year 2002:** Prof. Francisco J. Sánchez-Sesma, UNAM, Mexico
2. **Year 2006:** Dr. David M. Boore, U.S. Geological Survey, California, USA
3. **Year 2010:** Prof. Alexander A. Gusev, Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, Russia
4. **Year 2014:** Dr. Pierre-Yves Bard, Senior Scientist, IFSTTAR, Grenoble, France
5. **Year 2018:** Prof. Vincent W. Lee, Sonny Astani Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Southern California, USA
6. **Year 2022:** Dr. Ishwer Datt Gupta, Ex-Director, CWPRS, Pune

This is a call for nomination for the “**ISET Trifunac Award for Significant Contributions in Strong Motion Earthquake Studies**” for the year 2026. Any member/fellow of the Society may either nominate a person for this award or forward nomination papers. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the President, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. Each nomination should be accompanied by a detailed bio-data of the person nominated highlighting his/her achievements in area of specialization identified for this award including the following information.

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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET T.G. SITHARAM MID-CAREER RESEARCH AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS IN
GEOTECHNICAL EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING IN INDIA-2026**

A 4-yearly award in the name of Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi, Former Director, IIT Guwahati and Former President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) has been instituted by the Students of Prof. T.G. Sitharam named as “**ISSET T.G. Sitharam Mid-Career Research Award for Innovations in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” to honour mid-career researchers for their innovations and outstanding contributions in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering. The award consists of an award money of INR 30,000/-, a plaque and certificate. This award was instituted on February 25, 2020. The past winner of the award is as follow.

1. **Year 2022:** Prof. Ravi S. Jakka, Professor, Department of Earthquake Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee

Eligibility: Candidates shall have post Ph.D. experience of a minimum of five years as a faculty/scientist in an Indian university/organization. The candidate shall be below the age of 45 during the time of nomination. Candidate should be a mid-career researcher who has contributed extensively to research and innovation in India. The research works carried out in India only shall be considered.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated research innovations through publications – books/ journals
- Patents filed/granted
- Product and model development
- Ph.D./Masters student guidance
- Research projects carried out
- Industry applied research work

This is a call for nomination for the “**ISSET T.G. Sitharam Mid-Career Research Award for Innovations in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**” for the year 2026. Any member/fellow of the Society may either nominate a person for this award or forward nomination papers. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the President, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. Each nomination should be accompanied by a detailed bio-data of the person nominated highlighting his/her achievements in area of specialization identified for this award including the following information.

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Call for Nominations for

**“ISET D.K. PAUL RESEARCH AWARD FOR BEST PH.D THESIS IN EARTHQUAKE RISK
REDUCTION IN INDIA”-2026**

A 4-yearly award in the name of Prof. D.K. Paul, Life Fellow & Ex-President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) and Former Head, Department of Earthquake Engineering, IIT Roorkee has been instituted by the Ph.D Research Scholars of Prof. D.K. Paul named as **“ISET D.K. Paul Research Award for best Ph.D thesis in Earthquake Risk Reduction in India”** to honour person with best Ph.D thesis. The award consists of an award money of INR 60,000/-, and a Citation. This award was instituted on March 30, 2017. Ph.D theses in this area of Earthquake Risk Reduction which are successfully completed in India during 2021-2024, shall only be considered for this award. The past winner of the award are as follows.

1. Year 2018: Dr. Sreevalsa Kolathayar, Associate Professor, School of Civil Eng., VIT, Vellore.
2. Year 2022: Dr. P. Pravin Kumar Venkat Rao, Assistant Professor, Earthquake Engineering Research Centre (EERC), International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H), Hyderabad

This is a call for nomination for the **“ISET D.K. Paul Research Award for best Ph.D thesis in Earthquake Risk Reduction in India”** for the year 2026. Faculty Member/Supervisor of thesis with the designation of Professor or equivalent may nominate or forward the nomination of a person for this award. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the Secretary, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026** PDF file of the Ph.D thesis work along with the following information must be sent for nomination:

1. Name of the candidate with date of birth.
2. Complete postal address and telephone, Fax number, e-mail.
3. Chronology of education and positions held.
4. A copy of Ph.D Thesis (preferably PDF file).
5. A detailed summary (extended abstract) of the thesis research work along with publications from it highlighting his/her achievements in the area of specialization identified for this award.
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Call for Nominations for

**ISSET B.K. MAHESHWARI RESEARCH AWARD FOR BEST PH.D THESIS IN SOIL-STRUCTURE
INTERACTION IN INDIA-2026**

Prof. B.K. Maheshwari, Life Fellow, Former Secretary, Former Editor, Former Vice-President & President of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET), and Professor, Department of Earthquake Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee has instituted a 4-yearly “**ISSET B.K. Maheshwari Research Award for Best Ph.D Thesis in Soil-Structure Interaction in India**” to honour person with Best Ph.D Thesis. The award consists of an award money of INR 15,000/-, and a Citation. This award was instituted on July 21, 2010. Ph.D theses in this area of Soil-Structure Interaction which are successfully completed in India during 2021-2024, shall only be considered for this award. The past winners of the award are as follows.

1. Year 2014 (jointly): Dr. Pavan K. Emani, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Graphic Era University, Dehradun and Dr. Rajib Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
2. Year 2018: Dr. Syed Nurussayidyn Madani, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Bangalore.
3. Year 2022: Dr. Ramon Varghese, Postdoctoral fellow, University College Dublin, Ireland.

This is a call for nomination for the “**ISSET B.K. Maheshwari Research Award for Best Ph.D Thesis in Soil-Structure Interaction in India**” for the year 2026. Faculty Member/Supervisor of thesis with the designation of Professor or equivalent may nominate or forward the nomination of a person for this award. Self nomination will not be accepted. Nominations on plain paper must reach the Secretary, ISET on or before **Feb. 20, 2026**. PDF file of the Ph.D thesis work along with the following information must be sent for nomination:

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