IAF Excellence in International Cooperation Award

2027 Call for Nominations



The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations of its 2027 **IAF Excellence in International Cooperation Award**. The Award, introduced for the first time on the occasion of the IAC 2021 in Dubai, UAE, is dedicated to acknowledging the efforts and achievements in facilitating global engagement and cooperation.

This award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual in advancing international cooperation including in, but not limited to, the fields of space science, space technology, space medicine, space law and space policy.

Who may nominate?

Representatives of IAF Member Organizations in good standing, Chairpersons of IAF administrative and technical committees, and elective and appointive IAF officers.

Who can be nominated?

Any eminent person in the astronautical field.

Diversity:

We encourage nominators to take into account the Federation's 3G+ Diversity principle, and to help us celebrate and recognize the rich diversity in our community, by considering geography, generation and gender, as well as other factors, when making nominations that otherwise fulfill the respective nominating criteria for each award.

Selection criteria

The nominee shall have demonstrated:

- A career-long dedication to the fostering of international space cooperation.
- An exceptional contribution in a specific project, effort, or area to advance international space cooperation between entities from at least two countries.

- Measurable progress in overcoming a significant challenge or obstacle to international cooperation.

Nomination/Application package shall contain:

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- A **justification detailing the exceptional effort and impact** of the nominee on international cooperation in space activities (<2 pages)
- A **biography** of the nominee including, i.e., the person's profile, career achievements and history, education, list of publications, etc.
- **At least 3 letters of support** from individuals other than the nominator clearly addressing the contributions of the nominee in fostering, advancing, and enhancing international cooperation. At least two of the support letters should be issued by colleagues from different countries as the nominee.

Number of recipients and Expiration of Nomination

The Award shall be preferably granted to a **single** person. Exceptionally, it may be granted to two.

A submission which is not successful in any given year may be resubmitted for later years.

Presentation of Awards

The IAF Excellence in International Cooperation Award recipient will be inducted at the next International Astronautical Congress (IAC) during the IAC 2027 Opening Ceremony or Closing Ceremony.

Benefits of award for the recipients

- A trophy and certificate furnished by IAF.
- IAC registration fees waived for the year of induction.
- The recipient will address the attendees during the IAC 2027 Opening Ceremony or Closing Ceremony with a short speech.
- The recipient will attend the Gala Dinner as guest of the IAF President (free of charge).

Nomination documents must be received by IAF Secretariat by **Friday 15 January 2027 23:59 CET** (Paris time), by email at **award@iafastro.org** (Subject line: NOMINEE'S LAST NAME Nominee's First Name – 2027 IAF Excellence in International Cooperation Award).