INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION

IAF World Space Award

2027 Call for Nominations



The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for its **2027 IAF World Space Award**, the Federation's most prestigious award, that recognizes a most eminent person (Category A) and/or team (Category B) who has made an exceptional impact to the progress of the world space activities through their outstanding contribution in space science, space technology, space medicine, space law, or space management.

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?

Category A: Any person with exceptional merits in the space field

Category B: Any team with exceptional achievement in the space 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.

Nominations should contain:

- **Category** of nomination (Specify Category A or B)
- A **short citation** of the exceptional merits (<5 lines)
- A **justification specifying the impact** of the merits to the progress of space activities on a global scale (<2 pages)
- A **biography** of the nominee including, i.e., the person's profile, career achievements and history, education, list of publications, etc. (Category A)
- **Detailed description of the achievements** which the team accomplished (Category B)

- **At least 3 letters of support** by individuals other than the nominator, addressing the contributions of the nominee(s). At least two of the support letters should be issued by international colleagues from a different country as the nominee.

During the IAF Spring Meetings (23 - 25 March 2027), the IAF Honours and Awards Committee will review the nominations received for the IAF World Space Award and make a recommendation for the recipient(s) to the IAF Bureau. If no suitable candidate is found, this award will not be given in 2027.

The award consists of a medal and the recipient(s) will also be included into a special section of the IAF Hall of Fame.

IAC registration fees will be waived the year of induction for the recipient in Category A and the representative of the team in Category B. The recipient in Category A and the representative of the team in Category B will be invited to participate in the Gala Dinner as guests of the IAF President (free of charge).

The IAF World Space Award recipient(s) will be inducted during the Opening Ceremony of the 78th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Poznan, Poland.

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 World Space Award).