

Institution of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Association Graduates and Students Division The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers 2027

Information Sheet

The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers promotes and rewards excellence in the originality and communication of civil engineering ideas and research.

Introduction

ICE Graduate and Student members are invited to submit papers on any topic related to civil engineering. The aim is to showcase the knowledge and talent of ICE's early career members to the wider civil engineering community. Applicants will first compete in the Hong Kong regional final and the winner may be shortlisted to compete in The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers international final in the UK for the ultimate cash prize and the prestigious Institution Medal.

ICE HKA G&S is now inviting entries for The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers. Entries should be based primarily on your own work and can be adapted from university and/or employment research papers and projects, professional review or professional development reports.

Opportunities

Entering this competition gives members the opportunity to enhance their written and verbal presentation skills, showcase their work and enhance continuing professional development, particularly in support of professional review preparation. There is also an opportunity to be selected for publication of the winning paper in one of the ICE technical journals.

Conditions of entry

The following are the conditions of entry to The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers:

- You must be a **current Graduate or Student member** of the Institution of Civil Engineers at the time of entering the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the date which application closes.
- The participant shall be the sole author of the paper entry.
- The "Rules of paper submission" below shall be strictly followed.
- Participants are allowed to enter The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers in subsequent years but not with the same work.

Disciplines

- (1) Structures and materials
- (2) Geotechnics
- (3) Environment, hydraulics and hydrology
- (4) Highways, railways and transportation

Submission deadline

27 November 2026 (Friday)

Submission method

- Your paper must be submitted electronically in A4 PDF format with all drawings and photographs incorporated into the submission together with a scanned copy of the signed entry form
- The title of the paper should be a brief and accurate representation of the subject matter.
- Maximum file size 10MB.
- Unedited published papers are permissible.
- Authors are permitted to enter in consecutive years but not with the same paper.
- Submissions shall be emailed to gs.hka@ice.org.uk and krischui.ice@gmail.com, with the subject "The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers 2027 Submission".

Regional final

In the vetting stage, applicants are required to submit a synopsis in the format specified in "Rules of paper submission". Shortlisted candidates will then be individually notified and are required to submit a full paper in the format specified in "Rules of paper submission" below. In the regional final, they will be allocated a total of 20 minutes to showcase their work - this includes 10 minutes for presentation and another 10 minutes for Q&A with the judging panel. Candidates will be assessed on the fluency, informativeness and clarity of their presentations. When introducing their work, candidates shall cover highlights of their research and explain their approach to the topic.

Date of final

The regional final of The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers will be held on 16 January 2027 (Saturday).

Prizes

Champion – HKD 2,000 and a certificate

First runner-up – HKD 1,500 and a certificate

Second runner-up – HKD 1,000 and a certificate

Merit – HKD 500 and a certificate

Shortlisted – a certificate

Winners may be nominated to participate in The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers international final in the UK to compete for the prestigious Institution Medal and further cash prizes.

Winners may have the opportunity to publish their paper in the ICE Breaker or on the ICE website.

Judging panel

Prominent figures from the civil engineering industry will be invited to sit on the judging panel for The Princess Royal Award for Emerging Engineers.

Judging criteria

The paper will be assessed based on:

- Depth of understanding and study displayed by the author
- Presentation of findings
- Form and style of the paper
- Value of the paper

Regional final presentation will be assessed based on:

- Author's ability to address sustainability, and health and safety issues
- Presentation of the subject
- Author's enthusiasm and ability to arouse interest
- Selection of appropriate quantity and quality material for their topic
- Communication skills displayed in the Q&A session.

Announcement of results

Shortlisted candidates will be notified separately via email in December 2026. Winners will be announced at the end of the regional final.

Enquiry method

For enquiry, please contact Mr Kris Chui on +852 5449 0757 or via email at krischui.ice@gmail.com or gs.hka@ice.org.uk.

Rules of paper submission

Content

Word count:	Synopsis (all applicants): 400 words Full paper (shortlisted candidates only): 2,000 to 4,000 words (excluding appendices and footnotes)
Language:	English
Graphics/photographs:	Shall be captioned
Bibliographies/citations:	Shall be included wherever applicable
Abstract:	Shall be included

Format

Paper size:	A4 page
Text font:	Arial
Font size (content):	12
Margin:	25mm to 40mm on all sides
Paragraphing:	Double-line spacing; page number must be included at the bottom left corner of every sheet
Front cover:	Shall include title of the paper, name of the candidate and date
Maximum file size:	10MB
File format:	.pdf