

Call for Nominations for the SPE Insight Award

The Society for Photographic Education offers the SPE Insight Award to recognize achievements of significant distinction made by individuals to the photographic education field. Measured from when careers first begin to days when standing ovations erupt spontaneously in lecture halls, SPE's Insight Award symbolizes the realization of a national or international career or the launching of future endeavors to new challenges, ideas, and horizons. Photographers (in the broadest sense of the word today), as well as scholars, curators, writers, and visionaries—be their achievements rapid fire or accumulated over time—are eligible for the Society's newest mark of recognition and distinction.

The SPE Insight Award is an honorary designation without monetary stipend granted annually to up to five SPE members. (Membership is defined by five years of cumulative membership.) The Insight Award recipient shall demonstrate excellence in two or more of the following ways:

- Innovative teaching
- Sustained mentoring of colleagues or students
- Broad contribution to technical, critical, pedagogical, or visual aspects of the field
- Breadth or depth of exhibition or publication
- Sustained presence in the field

The designation will be conferred with the calendar year (e.g. 2016 SPE Insight Award) in which it is awarded. The honor carries no end date, and anyone so honored will be included in all subsequent lists of Insight Awardees.

Award recipients will be selected by SPE's National Board and announced at the national conference. Conference attendance is not a requirement to receive the award, though winners will be informed of the honor in advance.

Members of the organization's Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated during their tenure on the Board but may nominate or provide support letters. Members of SPE's Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) may not nominate nor provide material support.

Insight Award Nomination Procedure

The selection process for the Insight Award is as follows:

A candidate must be nominated by a professional (non-student) member of the Society using the Insight Nomination Form (see right).

A candidate must be an SPE member for at least five cumulative years.

No member may nominate more than one member a year.

Nominations are accepted year-round, but July 1st at 5:00 PM EST is the cut-off for the following year's award.

The National Office confirms eligibility of all nominators and nominees and determines that the nominations are accurate and complete. The National Office will in turn prepare a ballot and distribute it with supporting nominations to National Board members for an electronic vote.

Up to five winners will be selected each year.

Announcement of the Insight Award recipients will occur before the announcement of the Honored Educator Award at the annual conference.

The SPE Insight Award Nomination Form

Nominator's Name	
Position/Title	
Organization/Affiliation	
Address	
Phone/Email	
Nominator must be a professional (non-student) member of SPE.	
I am a professional member of SPE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*	
*National Office will confirm	
Candidate's Name	
Position/Title	
Organization/Affiliation	
Address	
Phone/Email	
To be considered, candidate must be or have been a professional (non-student) member of SPE for a cumulative total of at least five years.	
Candidate has satisfied the above requirement: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know*	
*National Office will confirm	
How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?	
In an attached statement, not to exceed 600 words/one page, please describe how the candidate demonstrates excellence in two or more of the five key areas of consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative teaching • Sustained mentoring of colleagues or students • Broad contribution to technical, critical, pedagogical, or visual aspects of the field • Breadth or depth of exhibition or publication • Sustained presence in the field 	
Please also attach the candidate's summary CV, not to exceed two pages.	
Please send the completed nomination form and support materials by JULY 1 at 5:00 PM EST to membership@spenational.org or by mail to: Society for Photographic Education , ATTN: Insight Award, 2530 Superior Avenue #403, Cleveland, OH 44114 p 216/622-2733 f 216/622-2712	