

Water Research Foundation Awards Criteria

The Outstanding Subscriber Award for Applied Research honors subscribing utilities that have made notable improvements to their treatment, delivery, and/or management processes through the successful application of Foundation research.

Criteria:

- Nominations may be made by Foundation staff, subscribers, or members of the Board of Trustees. Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Award recipient will be a current Foundation subscriber that has been in good standing for at least three years.
- At least one Outstanding Subscriber Award for Applied Research will be granted each year.
- Subscribers may receive more than one Outstanding Subscriber Award, but not within a three-year time frame.

Exhibiting the concept of “outstanding applied research” includes, but is not limited to the following examples:

- Improvements that benefit customers and/or the general public
- Improvements that result in cost savings and more affordable water
- Improvements that benefit the environment and/or sustainable development
- Improvements that result in energy savings or recovery and/or resource recovery
- Improvements that successfully implement progressive communication strategies
- Improvements that successfully implement progressive management strategies
- Improvements that successfully included organizational collaboration and/or interdisciplinary cooperation