



**Irish
Concrete
Society**



Sean de Courcy
Student Award

Nomination Form

Professor J. W. de Courcy 1918 - 2004

Sean de Courcy graduated, at the age of 19, with a first-class honours degree in civil engineering from University College Dublin (UCD). His early career saw him working with Limerick County Council followed by the British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Company (BRC), where in 1950 he was appointed to head the BRC's Irish operations.

He was awarded a Master's Degree in Engineering from UCD in 1959 for a thesis on permanent joints in structures containing reinforced concrete. In 1960, he founded with others from the industry, The Irish Pre-Stressed Concrete Association, which evolved into the Irish Concrete Society in 1973.

He took a position as a lecturer in civil engineering at UCD in 1964, beginning what was to become a distinguished 24-year association with the university. He was appointed an Associate Professor in 1971 and Professor Emeritus on his retirement in 1988.

He served on many committees with the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, being made a fellow in 1969 and becoming chairman of its civil division in 1988.

He also lectured UCD students in the School of Architecture on the civil engineering aspects of that profession and in 1988 he was elected an honorary member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (MRIA), a rarity for an engineer.

His interest in concrete brought him into much contact with the wider, international world of engineering and he was a guest lecturer at several British universities, including Cambridge, Sheffield and London. He was a member of the Council of the European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI) from 1977, and he became its president for the year 1980-81. He was elected an honorary fellow of the Institute of Concrete Technology in 1987.

His legacy continues to inspire many and the Irish Concrete Society Student Award is dedicated to his memory.

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- 2017/2018 - Stephen Conroy, National University of Ireland, Galway
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- 2015/2016 - Donogh Coleman, University College Dublin
- 2014/2015 - Ted McKenna, University College Dublin

2019/2020 application form

Winner receives a €500 prize and conferral at our 38th Annual Awards

Name of Applicant(s):
(BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY)

Address (Term Time):

Address (Out of Term):

Contact Phone Number:
(Out of Term)

University or College:

Student's Advisor:

PRIZE RULES

1. Applicants must be studying full time at an Irish third level place of education.
2. **Completed application forms with a short synopsis of paper or project** (approximately 100 words) must reach the Executive Officer, The Irish Concrete Society, Platin, Drogheda, Co. Louth by **1st of October 2019**.
3. Completed papers or projects must reach the Executive Officer by **25th of October 2019**. Storyboards (A3 – A2 size) via e-mail to be sent to the address below on the same day.
4. The submission may be all or part of a project being carried out as part of either a **level 8 (Bachelors) or level 9 (Masters) award**.
5. The submission, *which will not be returned to the applicant(s)*, will be judged by a committee set up by the Council of the Irish Concrete Society.
6. The prize-winner(s) may be required to give a presentation to a meeting of the Society.
7. Certificates for non-prize winners will only be awarded by the Society where the application is accompanied by a signed letter from the college confirming that the entered paper or project has been selected to represent the college.
8. The decision of the Council of the Society shall be final.

I (we) have read the rules governing the student prize and I (we) agree to be bound by the decision of the Council of the Society.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

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For further details please contact the Society on 041 9876466 or email: office@concrete.ie



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