



**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, where in 1950 he was appointed to head their Irish operations.

In 1959, Sean was awarded a Master's Degree in Engineering from UCD for a thesis on permanent joints in structures containing reinforced concrete. Beginning what was to become a distinguished 24-year association with the university, Sean was appointed as a lecturer in civil engineering at UCD in 1964. This was followed in 1971 with his appointment as an Associate Professor, becoming Professor Emeritus on his retirement in 1988.

He also lectured UCD students in the School of Architecture on the civil engineering aspects of that profession and in 1988 was elected an honorary member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, a rarity for an engineer. He was a founding member of The Irish Pre-Stressed Concrete Association in 1960, which evolved into the Irish Concrete Society in 1973. Having also served on many committees with the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, Sean was made a fellow in 1969 and appointed chair of its civil division in 1988.

His work 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. Sean was a member of the Council of the European Society for Engineering Education 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.

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

## Recent Award Winners

2021/2022: Méabh Childs, Trinity College Dublin

2020/2021: Aaron Lowe, Technological University Dublin

2019/2020: Ciaran Collier, University College Dublin

2018/2019: Cormac Mac Murchú, Cork Institute of Technology

2017/2018: Stephen Conroy, National University of Ireland, Galway

2016/2017: John Reddy, Queen's University Belfast

## Entry Rules

1. Applicants must be studying full time at an Irish higher education institute (HEI).
2. All entries to be submitted via email to [office@concrete.ie](mailto:office@concrete.ie) as follows:
  - a. A completed application form with abstract of paper/project (approximately 100 words) must be submitted by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.
  - b. The **completed paper/project** and an **academic poster** (pdf copy) must be submitted by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Please use 'Sean de Courcy Student Award Entry' in the subject line.
3. The submission may be all, or part of, a project carried out for either a level 8 (Bachelors) or level 9 (Masters) award.
4. Submissions may be made either by a student or their academic supervisor. Submissions by a student requires confirmation that the entered paper/project has been selected to represent the HEI.
5. The submission, *which will not be returned to the applicant(s)*, will be judged by a jury established 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. The decision of the jury shall be final.

## 2022/2023 Application Form

*Winner receives a €500 prize presented at our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards*

<b>Name of Applicant(s)</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Address</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Contact Phone</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Contact email</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Higher Education Institute</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Academic Supervisor</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Abstract (100 words)</b>	Click here to enter text.	

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 by email: [office@concrete.ie](mailto:office@concrete.ie)



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