



**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

2022/2023: Seán Heffernan, Technological University Dublin

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

Entry Rules

1. Applicants must be studying full time at an Irish higher education institute (HEI) at time of project completion.
2. All entries to be submitted via email to office@concrete.ie as follows:
 - a. A fully completed application form with an abstract of the paper/project (approximately 100 words) must be submitted by **Friday 6th December 2024**.
 - b. The **completed paper/project** and an **academic poster** (pdf copy) must be submitted by **Monday 6th 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 by the student (or students for a joint project), or their academic supervisor. Submissions by a student(s) 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 decision of the jury shall be final, no discussion or correspondence will be entered into relating to any jury decisions.
7. The prize-winner(s) may be invited to give a presentation to a meeting of the Society.

2023/2024 Application Form

A prize of €500 will be presented for the winning project at our 42nd Annual Awards

Project Title	Click here to enter text.	
Student Name(s)	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Address(es)	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Contact Number(s)	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Contact Email(s)	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Higher Education Institute	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Academic Supervisor	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Supervisor's Email	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Abstract May be submitted on a separate sheet.	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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