



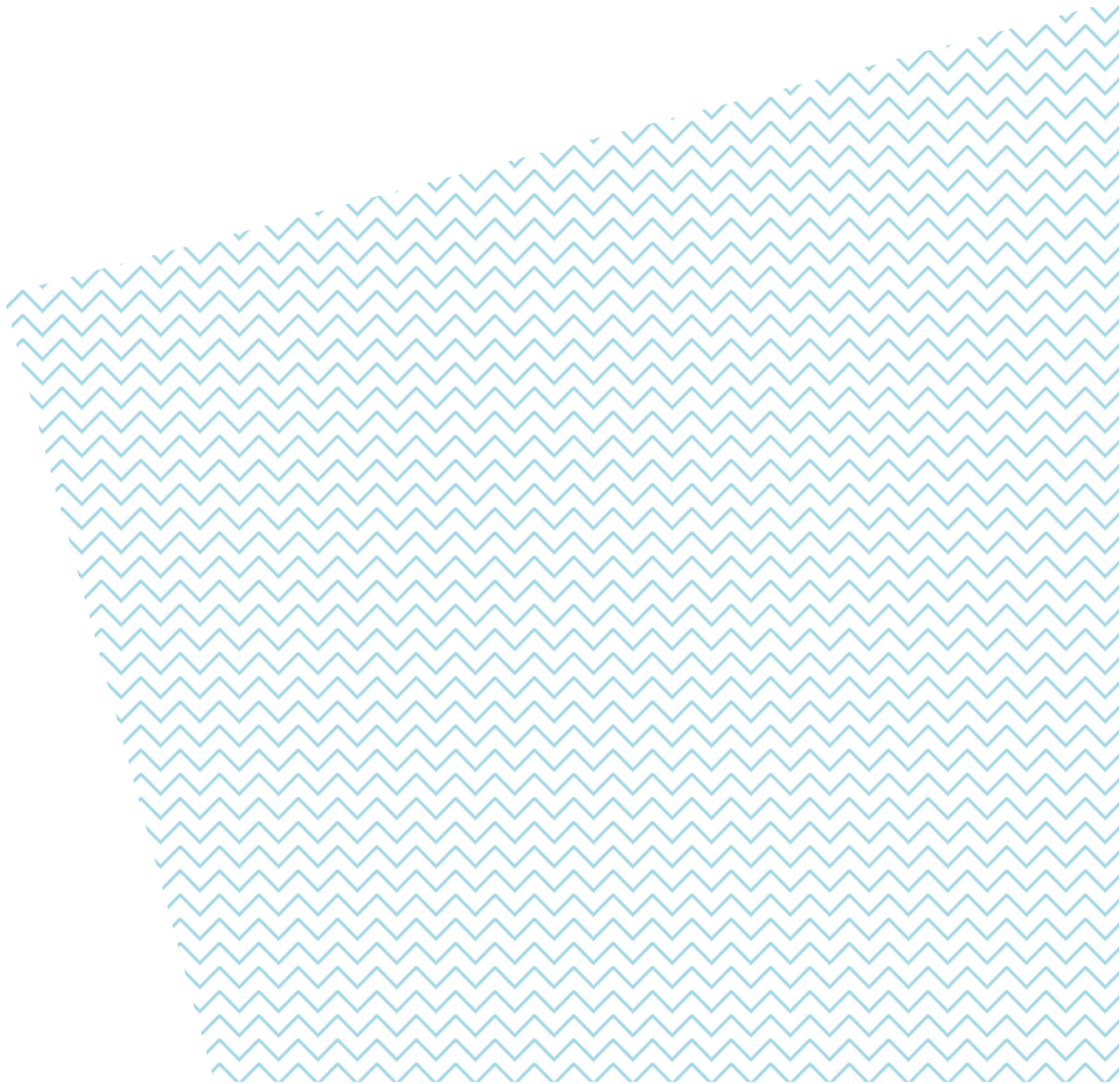
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Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

# (1925) Kernot Memorial Medal

## Guidelines

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## KERNOT MEMORIAL MEDAL

The Kernot Memorial Medal is a prestigious award which recognises distinguished engineering achievement in Australia within the previous five years. It is bestowed by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT) at the University of Melbourne in memory of Professor William Charles Kernot, the first professor of Engineering at the University of Melbourne. The Kernot Medal has recognised many prominent engineers since its establishment in 1925, such as Sir John Monash, and Sir John Holland.

### Key dates

Nominations open	Monday 2 March 2026
Nominations close	Monday 4 May 2026
Recipient announced at the Kernot Memorial Medal Oration	Mid-Late October 2026

### Eligibility

Nominations are open to individuals, both internal and external to the university, who have demonstrated significant leadership in advancing the fields of Engineering in Australia within the previous five years.

Nominations can be submitted either as self-nominations or peer-nominations.

Each nomination must be endorsed by an academic member of staff from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT).

### Prize

The award consists of a medal and a certificate in recognition of the recipient's **distinguished engineering achievement in Australia**.



*The Kernot Memorial Medal*

### Nomination

Each nomination must include a completed nomination form with nominee and nominator contact details. The nomination includes written responses addressing the four success indicators (200 words for each success indicator), and a curriculum vitae (max 3 pages). Supporting materials (max 5 pages) are optional. This form is available on the [awards website](#). These documents are to be combined into one single PDF and submitted it to the FEIT Engagement team at [engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au) by the due date.

## Success Indicators

The selection committee will review the nomination materials according to following indicators:

### Success Indicator 1: Track Record of Engineering Achievements

Evidence of significant engineering achievements, such as successful projects, patents, publications, or innovations. Statement of the scope, significance, and impact of these achievements within the relevant field and on the broader engineering community in Australia.

### Success Indicator 2: Professional Excellence, Leadership and Adherence to Standards

The nominee's professional journey, leadership roles and commitment to technical and professional standards within the engineering field, relative to the opportunities available. Evidence of positions of responsibility, leadership in professional organisations, or contributions to advancing engineering practices and standards. Evidence of certifications, continuous professional development, and a strong adherence to sustainable and inclusive ethical principles and best practices.

### Success Indicator 3: Community Service and Engagement

The nominee's involvement in community service activities related to engineering. This may include volunteering, mentorship, outreach programs, or initiatives aimed at promoting STEM education and awareness within the engineering community in Australia.

### Success Indicator 4: Impact, Recognition, and Enduring Contribution

Awards, honours or other forms of recognition the nominee has received for their engineering achievements. Description of the prestige of these accolades and their significance in acknowledging the nominee's contributions to the field of engineering. Evidence of the enduring or long-term impact of the nominee's work on the engineering community and the broader society.

## Selection Process

The award is bestowed by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT) based on the recommendation of a selection committee. The committee consists of the FEIT Dean, Deputy Dean (Engagement), Heads of Schools (or delegate), and up to two previous recipients of the award.

## Celebration

Nominees and/or nominators will be notified of outcomes via email in June. The successful recipient and their guests will be invited to attend the Kernot Memorial Medal Celebration in their honour. In accordance with the recipient's availability, the celebration will take place in mid-late October at the University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus.

At this formal celebration, the successful candidate will be invited to accept the Kernot Memorial Medal and deliver a public speech, addressing the audience on their distinguished career, ambitions for the field, and vision for the future.

The recipient will be joined at the event by previous Kernot Memorial Medal recipients, University leaders, members of the broader FEIT community, other invited guests, and members of the public.

## Contact

Enquiries and questions can be directed to [engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au)

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