



2021 WFEO GREE Women in Engineering Award

INTRODUCTION

As the peak international body for engineers, the World Federation of Engineering Organizations is proud to promote diversity, inclusion, and gender equality in engineering. During its 50th Anniversary celebration at UNESCO headquarters in Paris in March 2018, WFEO was proud to announce, with its sponsor GREE Electric Appliances, a new Award to bring recognition and visibility to outstanding women engineers. The Award recognises women engineers who have shown professional excellence and impact in their work, and are role models and leaders in their field.

The WFEO GREE Women in Engineering Award is awarded every year.

Nominations are invited for outstanding women engineers who have made a significant contribution to engineering.

Nominations can be proposed by an institution such as a university, engineering institution or association, corporate entity or other organisation. Nominations need to be approved by the President, Chief Executive, head of department in a university or equivalent of the institution. Nominations and support letters from members organizations or associates of WFEO will be highly regarded.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

The Award consists of a medal, a certificate, and a cash prize of \$1,000 (USD).

The Award 2021 Laureate will be announced during fall 2021.



GREE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES INC. OF ZHUHAI, CHINA,

GREE Electric Appliances, Inc. of Zhuhai is a diversified international industrial group, whose business covers residential air conditioners, central air conditioners, intelligent equipment, home appliances, air source water heaters, smart phones, , home appliances, refrigerators, etc. In 2015, GREE ranked No. 385 in Forbes Global 2000 and No. 1 in household appliances industry.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS

The World Federation of Engineering Organizations is the peak body for the professional engineering institutions. Founded in 1968, we have national members from about 100 countries representing some 30 million engineers. We work with the UN and other international institutions, to address issues relating to engineering, promote globally agreed good practice and to address the challenges of sustainable development around the world.

Through these activities, we regularly engage with governments, policy-makers and United Nations leaders to present the engineering perspective. We are a member of the United Nations Social and Economic Council and we co-lead the UN Science and Technology Major Group. We are an official partner of UNESCO and our secretariat is based at their headquarters in Paris.



WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Any woman with a degree in engineering, currently active in engineering and with records of activities in one or several professional fields related to engineering: industry, consultancy, entrepreneurship, academia, public sector, NGOs.

EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

- The WFEO Awards Committee members will give mandate to an independent International Jury, which shall include representatives from Gree Electric Appliances, UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector, and at least three national or international professional engineering institutions.
- Following the Jury's assessment of nominees, the Chair of the Awards Committee will make an awardee recommendation to the WFEO's Executive Board, for final announcement by WFEO's President.

The Award Committee will reward a woman engineer, meeting at least one of the following criteria and as much as possible all of them:

- Outstanding accomplishment in technical fields of engineering
- Outstanding leadership in engineering
- Outstanding contribution to the attraction, mentoring and support of women in engineering
- Outstanding entrepreneurship in an engineering field and development of an organisation with significant technical or social impact
- In each case, evidence of these accomplishments should be provided e.g. patents, publications, organisation performance, evidence of leadership positions, supporting references etc.

A Member economy whose nomination was successful for the award in the year before will not be allowed to nominate any candidate in the following year (i.e. there shall be a lapse of one year for next nomination from the same economy).