



# PennState

## The Dr. John P. Karidis Department Head’s Award for Research Achievement in Mechanical Engineering

### APPLICATION FORM

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The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize the Mechanical Engineering undergraduate student who has made the *most important contribution in forwarding the research in his/her selected areas of study concentration*.

**Eligibility:** Consideration for this award shall be given to any full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering program in the current **spring** semester who is fifth semester or higher classification.

**Award:** The award recipient will receive a monetary award, a plaque and will be recognized at the MNE Senior Recognition Banquet in March.

**Instructions:** To be considered for this award: 1) you must complete this application form, 2) complete the student portion of the confidential letter of recommendation and forward the form to your recommender. All items must be submitted electronically to [awards@mne.psu.edu](mailto:awards@mne.psu.edu).

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#### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Family Name (Surname) First Name Middle Initial

Gender:  Male  Female

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number Email Address

#### Education

Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation Form:** *Provide the details for the individual completing your letter of recommendation.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** *Indicate whether or not you waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation.*

- I agree to waive access.
- I do not agree to waive access to this letter of recommendation from.

**Instructions:** *Please type your response in the spaces provided below. The length of each reply should not exceed 500 words.*

### **Short Answer**

1. List any distinctions, honors, and awards you have received while in college and provide a brief explanation of each.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List major extracurricular, civic, or community activities in which you have participated while in college. Indicate any offices held and dates of participation.

### **Essay Question**

3. Why are you interested in studying mechanical engineering, and how does your interest in research contribute to the field?

**Return this application electronically to:**

**[awards@mne.psu.edu](mailto:awards@mne.psu.edu)**

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