**ICSMGE ISSMGE Bright Spark Lecture Award**

**Application Form**

The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) is the pre-eminent professional body representing the interests and activities of Engineers, Academics and Contractors all over the world that actively participate in geotechnical engineering. As such, we rely on the young generation to continue our practice, contribute to the society, and to move our industry forward. The Young Member Presidential Group (YMPG) and ISSMGE invite all ISSMGE member societies to nominate their most promising young geotechnical engineers as candidates to speak at a keynote session at the 20th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering in Sydney, Australia (http://icsmge2021.org) in September 2021. Two young engineers will be chosen. They will have the opportunity to present their work as the recipient of the ISSMGE Bright Spark Lecture Award.

The awardees will be invited to present a 30-minute keynote lecture at the conference and write an associated paper which will be included in the conference proceedings. The Bright Spark Lecture Award will be presented to the young geotechnical engineer that exemplifies mature research containing major contributions to the intellectual community.

Basic requirements are as follows:

* Age 36 or under on the last day of the conference (17 September 2021)
* Deadline of 1 June 2020 for nominations
* Limit of 3 nominees per member society
* Both English and French papers and lectures will be welcome.

**Section 1: Personal Details**

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| **First Name:** | **Surname/Family Name:** |
| **Age (as of 17 Sept 2021):** | **Contact Email:** |
| **ISSMGE Member Society:** | **Organisation:** | **Position:** |

**Section 2: Motivations / Personal Statement (200 words)**

Describe your career thus far.

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**Section 3: Technical Abstract (200 words)**

Abstract of your topic and its importance to the geotechnical community.

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**Section 4: Supporting Documents:**

1. At least one, and no more than three, letters of support from members of your member society explaining the excellence of the candidate and their work.

2. Curriculum vitae of the applicant including full contact information at the home institution.