



The WES Karen Burt Memorial Award

An annual award made by the Women's Engineering Society (WES) to inspire more women to aim for Chartered Engineer and corporate status

Dr Karen Burt was an eminent physicist who gained her PhD in electron microscopy at Reading University before joining British Aerospace Systems as a project engineer for scientific satellites. She set up her own consultancy and was instrumental in establishing the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation Systems within University College, London.

Karen is remembered as a gifted communicator and her fight to recover speech and mobility following a stroke was an inspiration to all who knew her.

What is the award and who is eligible?

Officially launched on 3 November 1998 by the Women's Engineering Society, the Karen Burt Memorial Award is made annually to a woman engineer of high caliber who has recently attained corporate membership and Chartered Engineer status through her relevant institution.

The award not only recognizes the candidate's excellence and potential in the practice of engineering and highlights the importance of Chartered status, but also gives recognition to contributions made by the candidate to the promotion of the engineering profession.

Making a nomination

Participating accrediting engineering institutions nominate one candidate annually, following the normal institutional review process. Final selection is by a WES panel on the basis of further information provided by the candidate. This latter stage focuses on the candidate's contribution to the promotion of the engineering profession.

Further information

Individuals wishing to obtain further information about the award and the nomination procedure should in the first instance contact their own accrediting professional institution. Institution managers who need further information should contact the WES office.

Karen Burt Award Winners

1999	Rebecca Dowsett
2000	Una McQuaid
2001	Beth Hutchison
2002	Helen Marson
2003	Jane Wild
2004	Suzanne Bland
2005	Katy Roelich
2006	Louise McDevitt
2007	Jane Hunter
2008	Emily Spearman