

Chul Park - nominated by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering

Chul Park is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Toronto where he has taught and conducted research since receiving his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1993. Chul Park is an internationally renowned researcher in the field of plastic foam processing. He is the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Advanced Polymer Processing Technologies and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Cellular Plastics and a member of the Editorial Board of Cellular Polymers and Advanced Polymer Technology. His co-invention and development of the first-generation microcellular extrusion system is a remarkable achievement which has led to successful commercialization of microcellular plastic products. Most of Chul Park's research visions are successfully implemented in a wide range of industrial applications involving the automotive and construction industries.

Chul has also contributed his time to help the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering and other technical professional organizations. He was Faculty Advisor at the University of Toronto for both the CSME and the ASME, was Material Division Chair for the CSME and is currently the Membership Chair for the CSME. In addition, Chul is a member of the Advisory Editorial Boards of both Cellular Plastics and Advances in Polymer Technology.

Chul Park exemplifies the profile of a productive researcher who has amply demonstrated originality, high achievement and potential for continuing creativity in the science and technology of preparing polymeric products. His many achievements have been recognized by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering through the Duggan Medal and election to the grade of Fellow. Chul Park was also made a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. What better way to show our appreciation this evening for Chul's achievements than by conferring upon him the grade of EIC Fellow.

Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome Chul Park as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.