



The Engineering Institute of Canada

2021 Award Citation

EIC Fellow

Saeed Zolfaghari

**Nominated by the Institute and Systems Engineers
(IISE Canada)**

A driving force and a highly-regarded figure in the Industrial Engineering community in Canada and abroad, Dr. Saeed Zolfaghari has made substantial and sustained contributions to his profession and society. He has inspired many students to engage in professional societies and supported the Ryerson Student Chapter of IISE Canada in earning several awards. He also played a leading role in IISE's Canada Region becoming an EIC constituent society.

He has published extensively in reputable journals and conferences in the optimization of complex business and manufacturing problems, particularly in manufacturing systems, scheduling and loyalty programs. As an award-winning professor, he has made significant contributions to graduate education, including former PhD students who have faculty positions in Canada, and other countries.

He is also a proven leader. In his current role as the Interim Provost and VP Academic, he is playing a key role in managing a comprehensive university during the challenging time of COVID-19. In his role as Vice-Provost, Faculty Affairs over the previous six years, he was responsible for academic labour relations, faculty hiring, tenure and promotion, and faculty development.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, please welcome Saeed Zolfaghari as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.