

The Engineering Institute of Canada 2022 Award Citation EIC Fellow



Frank Vecchio

Nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

Frank Vecchio is Professor Emeritus and the former Bahen/Tanenbaum Chair in Civil Engineering in the Department of Civil & Mineral Engineering at the University of Toronto. An internationally respected authority on the behaviour of concrete structures, he has contributed substantially to increasing the safety and reliability of Canada's infrastructure.

Dr. Vecchio is the co-developer of the Modified Compression Field Theory, a ground-breaking conceptual model for describing the behaviour of reinforced concrete under general load conditions, which has been incorporated into design codes in Canada and internationally. He also developed a suite of software, called VecTor, for predicting the response of concrete structures to practically any action, which has been widely adopted for teaching and in industrial and research applications.

In addition to his research, he has significantly contributed to the development of standards and codes for concrete structures globally through his service on national and international technical committees. According to a recent Stanford University study, Dr. Vecchio has the highest citation score amongst Canadian researchers across all fields of Civil Engineering and ranks in the top 20 worldwide.

He is a Fellow of the CSCE and the American Concrete Institute and has received several of these societies' most prestigious awards.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Ms. President, please welcome Frank Vecchio as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.