



The Engineering Institute of Canada

2023 Award Citation

EIC Fellow



Nicholas Vlachopoulos

Nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Nicholas Vlachopoulos is a Professor of civil engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC), and Director of the RMC Green Team. With over 400 engineering journal, conference and professional papers and reports he has had a major impact on engineering in Canada. His contributions to the safe design of ground support for underground works and the application of risk management to geological engineering, have resulted in improvements and optimization in design, safety, construction, economics and policy.

Dr. Vlachopoulos constantly volunteers within his community, to industry and to the profession. He has served in multiple capacities within the Canadian Geotechnical Society, Professional Engineers Ontario, NSERC, RMC and others. Nicholas has proven to be a very strong mentor. Nicholas' impressive accomplishments have resulted in numerous awards and accolades, including an Engineers Canada Fellowship, a Thomas Roy Award, a Department of National Defence Deputy Minister/Chief of Defence Staff Innovation Award, an RMC Teaching Excellence Award and Western's RM Quigley Award.

As a veteran and former military engineer, he also has also been decorated with the following noted distinctions: Canadian Forces Decoration Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, South-West Asia Service Medal, and NATO Medal for Former Yugoslavia.

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