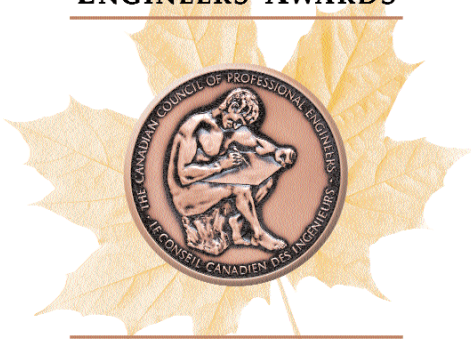


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James A. Blatz, PhD, P.Eng.

Young Engineer Achievement Award

James A. Blatz, PhD, P.Eng. has achieved more in his early years as a professional engineer than many accomplish in a lifetime. At only 32 years of age, Blatz, an academic who specializes in geotechnical engineering, has already distinguished himself as an excellent teacher, an increasingly internationally recognized researcher, a capable administrator, a highly regarded consultant and a dedicated contributor to the engineering profession.

Having completed his PhD studies in 2000, at the University of Manitoba, he spent the next year conducting research at the prestigious GeoEngineering Centre at Queens-RMC in Kingston, under an NSERC-funded Post-Graduate Fellowship, before returning to Winnipeg to assume a tenure-track position as an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba and start his own consulting company.

Now in only the fifth year of his teaching career, he has already introduced and modified geotechnical engineering undergraduate and graduate courses, published an astounding 40 scientific journal and conference papers-two of which have received national awards-presented in international conferences, attracted more than \$600,000 in research funding and has been consistently ranked as an outstanding professor by his students. He has also been approved for promotion to the rank of associate professor and has been appointed associate head of the civil engineering department.

As if all of this was not enough, Blatz has also found time to serve his profession. A member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba (APEGM), Blatz is on two APEGM committees, one of which he chairs. Additionally, he was recently elected as an executive member of the APEGM Council and is the youngest member ever. He also is on four national Canadian Geotechnical Society committees and is the Director of the North American Geosynthetics Society.

For all that Blatz has already done to enhance the profession, the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) is extremely pleased to honour him with the Young Engineer Achievement Award.

