STAC Board and Committee Awards

In 2025, STAC offered the eighth instance of its annual award opportunity for STAC-Level Awards in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the AMS Council: https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/awards/stac-board-and-committee-awards/

These awards recognize individuals whose outstanding contributions further the goals of the disciplines represented across STAC boards and committees. The process can be found on the STAC webpage, under the "Chair & Member Information" link or at STAC Level Awards. There are three types of awards for which each B/C can submit a nomination:

- Outstanding Early Career,
- Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment, and
- Outstanding Service

In fall 2025, sixteen STAC B/Cs took advantage of the annual STAC-Level Award opportunity. Fifteen of the original submissions were approved by the STAC Commissioners. The other submission was rejected because the proposed recipient had already received a Society-level award for the same contributions; however, this B/C submitted a second nomination for consideration, which was then approved by the STAC Commissioners. The awards are listed in the table below, the majority of which will be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting; past awards are posted at https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/awards/.

A full list of 2026 STAC-Level awardees is provided below.

2026 STAC-Level Awards

Award Type	Recipient	Citation	Board/Committee
STAC Outstanding Early Career Award	Seth Bushinsky	For improving understanding and measurement capabilities of air-sea gas fluxes and their impact on ocean biogeochemistry.	Committee on Air-Sea Interaction
	Dr. Jane W. Baldwin	For leading the AMS's Conference on Environment and Health and pioneering cross-disciplinary research on extreme heat's health impacts.	Board on Environment and Health
	Dr. Chenghao Wang	For high-impact urban climate modeling contributions and leadership in advancing science, applications, and community engagement.	Board on Urban Environment

	Dr. Jacob Carlin	For outstanding early-career achievements in radar meteorology that have advanced the scientific community's understanding of weather radar polarimetry, microphysics, and data assimilation.	Committee on Radar Meteorology
	Shiv Priyam Raghuraman	For advances in understanding of Earth's radiative forcings, feedbacks, and spectral signatures.	Committee on Atmospheric Radiation
	Alicia Bentley	For contributions to the National Weather Service's operational model verification system and forecast evaluations.	Committee on Probability and Statistics
	Brice Coffer	For outstanding contributions to basic and applied research relevant to supercell thunderstorms and tornadoes.	Committee on Severe Local Storms
Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment Award	Dr. Richard Eckman	For advancing the observation, understanding, and modeling of atmospheric composition and its role in the Earth System.	Committee on Atmospheric Chemistry
	Siegfried Raasch	For lifelong dedication to numerical innovation, rigorous scientific modeling, and global knowledge-sharing in boundary layers and turbulence.	Committee on Boundary Layers and Turbulence
	George H. Bryan	For enabling mesoscale meteorology advances through creating, maintaining, and updating an open-source numerical weather prediction model for idealized studies of atmospheric phenomena.	Committee on Mesoscale Processes
	Dr. Paul DeMott	For distinguished scientific accomplishment in aerosol-cloud research through innovative laboratory measurements and sustained instrumentation development benefitting the community.	Committee on Planned and Inadvertent Weather Modification

	Michael M. Bell	For advancing understanding of the physics and dynamics of the tropical atmosphere through extensive scientific and community leadership.	Committee on Tropical Meteorology and Tropical Cyclones
STAC Outstanding Service Award	Jen Henderson	For dedicated service to the societal impacts community, including promotion of the AMS Board on Societal Impacts.	Board on Societal Impacts
	Eric deWeaver	For visionary leadership in climate research, fostering fundamental science, and cultivating a collaborative, inclusive scientific community.	Committee on Climate Variability and Change
	Dr. Meg Fowler	For outstanding leadership and service to the Committee on Hydrology, the AMS, and the broader hydrology community.	Committee on Hydrology
	Sherrie S. Morris	For outstanding management, coordination, and organization of conferences, networking, and community engagement in the SATMOC Committee.	Committee on Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology (SATMOC)