

Thank you to all who participated in this inaugural list. The *Nuclear News* staff enjoyed the whole process from start to finish, and we hope our readers enjoy the final product. We look forward to highlighting the achievements of more rising stars from the nuclear community next year, when honorees will be celebrated in the November 2025 issue.

Next year, *NN* will be accepting nominations online via the ANS website. All submissions must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (CDT) on April 14, 2025.

Nominees must be 39 years old or younger and must be current members of ANS through December 31, 2025. Candidates can be nominated either by their workplace or institution or by a fellow ANS member and should have at least one letter of recommendation.

All nominees will be evaluated by *NN* staff on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the following:

- Technical achievements, such as past or current study of nuclear engineering or one of the many subjects related to nuclear science and technology at an accredited institution or presentation of research at a technical conference.
- Professional achievements, such as in design, engineering, or operations in the nuclear power field or other applications of nuclear technology; and/or significant scientific or technical capacity in a nuclear field.
- Leadership and impact, such as contributions to the dissemination of nuclear science knowledge through teaching, mentoring, social media, or public outreach; participation in scientific organizations and/or associations; and/or receipt of awards and honors, whether that recognition is organizational, local, regional, national, or international.

Keep a look out for more information on how to submit nominations for the 2025 list. *Nuclear News* looks forward to announcing next year's 40 Under 40 list and highlighting more of the bright young minds of our growing community. ☒

Congratulations, Aditi Verma and Kevin Field!

NERS proudly celebrates **Aditi Verma** and **Kevin Field** for being recognized among the "40 Under 40" industry influencers and future leaders in nuclear energy. Their outstanding contributions to advancing nuclear science and technology inspire our community and exemplify the University of Michigan's commitment to innovative, impactful research.

We are honored to see our faculty shaping the future of the nuclear field and empowering the next generation of leaders.

Congratulations, Aditi and Kevin—thank you for your dedication and vision!

