PMSA EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARDS 2015
The PMSA Excellence in Research Award is presented to acknowledge an individual for excellence in research. The PMSA Excellence in Research Award is the most prestigious prize awarded to researchers in the field of Portfolio, Programme and Project Management. The PMSA Excellence in Research Award is available to researchers who are PMSA members in good standing. Because it is awarded every two years, it affords the candidate the opportunity to collate and be measured on their research accomplishments over a 24-month period.

Portfolio of Research

A candidate or those who nominate them is required to submit a portfolio of the research as the basis for consideration of the candidate.

The portfolio should include:

1. A short general memorandum stating the outputs of the candidate for the relevant period, with brief annotations for each research output indicating the specific contribution each makes to knowledge in the discipline.
2. Copies of all the research outputs listed in his/her application or nomination for the Award.
3. A full CV
4. Detail of research outputs: The research outputs submitted will be assessed on the basis of, among others, the following:
   - The extent to which they make a contribution to knowledge and insight into the Project, Programme or Portfolio Management discipline.
   - Scientific quality which will take precedence over quantity.

How the Awards are Judged

The PMSA Awards sub-committee will:

- Facilitate the evaluation of submitted research outputs.
- Use criteria guidelines when evaluating the research outputs.
- Compile a shortlist of eligible candidates.
- Recommend a candidate for the Award

All portfolios of research will be submitted to the Chairperson of the PMSA Awards sub-committee. A sample or all of the research outputs submitted by the candidates on the shortlist may be subjected to external peer review. Once the successful candidate has been identified, his/her name will be submitted together with a summary of the evaluation process and a recommendation to Board for finalisation. The Award is awarded to the recipient at the biennial PMSA conference dinner.
Rules and Eligibility

- An award will be made once every two years.
- The candidate may personally apply to be considered for the award, or the candidate may be nominated by a fellow PMSA member.
- A candidate must be a paid-up PMSA member at the time of nomination.

The PMSA Excellence in Research Award is presented for research of the highest quality which was published in the preceding two years i.e. the 2015 award is made for research in 2013/2014.

Eligible research outputs for the award include the following:

- Articles published in peer-reviewed journals
- Papers published in peer-reviewed conference proceedings
- Books or chapters in books for professionals / specialists
- Monographs for the specialist
- Industry reports
- Full theses (research-based doctorate)
- Full dissertations (research-based masters degree)
- Mini dissertations (course-based masters degree)

The following outputs are excluded:

- Textbooks
- Editorial introductions
- Case books
- Book reviews
- Workbooks
- Papers delivered at conferences (not peer-reviewed)
- Tutorial matter

Submission Process

- Nominations and submissions can be made by sending email to awards@projectmanagement.org.za with PMSA Excellence in Research Awards in the subject line.
- Nominators should include a covering message that identifies the nominee and their affiliation, and must attach soft copies of the portfolio of research outputs.
- Alternatively, hard copies of the nominations can be delivered to the PMSA National Office at 3 Autumn Street Rivonia, Sandton.
  - Deadline for nomination submission: 20 April 2015
  - Judging of submissions: 30 April
  - Announcement of winner: May 2015