



# Call for Nominations

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineering Management Dissertation Award

2023

### The Award Requirements:

The award will be made annually to the dissertation judged to best present research in the discipline of engineering management. Each university that grants PhDs in Engineering Management or related programs is eligible to nominate no more than four dissertations for consideration (Technology Management programs, etc. may request an inclusion allowance from the awards committee). The current award is for the dissertations submitted as part of the degree requirements for a PhD awarded in the **2022 calendar year**.

### The Nomination Process:

Each academic program nominating a dissertation will provide:

1. One nominating letter, which should not to exceed two pages in length.
2. A “synopsis” of the dissertation written by its author. The synopsis may not exceed 5 pages (Times New Roman, 12-point font) and should include the following:
  - a. Problem addressed (1 page)
  - b. The research methodology (1 page)
  - c. The outcome of the research and its significance for the engineering management discipline (3 pages).
3. Send the nomination to Dr. Kenny McDonald. Please follow the submission guidelines:
  - a. Place the submission (nomination letter and synopsis) into ONE “.pdf” document.
  - b. Label the document: “ASEM-BDA – ‘School Abbreviation’ – ‘Author’s Last Name’ – ‘date’” (example: **ASEM-BDA – MST – Jones – 29 July 2023.pdf**).
  - c. Email document to [kenneth.mcdonald@westpoint.edu](mailto:kenneth.mcdonald@westpoint.edu) and label the subject: “**Subject: ASEM Best Dissertation Award**”.

A packet that fails to provide the requirements as specified above may not be considered. The nominees that advance to the final review stage may be required to submit a pdf copy of the dissertation for dissemination to the judges.

### The Judging Process:

The nominating letters and enclosed synopsis will be reviewed by the judging committee, which will select up to three finalists for the award. The judges will each read the dissertations of the finalists and will, as a committee, select the recipient. The judging focuses on three areas: *Significance-Contribution to Research; Application to EM; and Analytical/Methodological Rigor.*

### The Award:

The award consists of:

1. For the author of the winning dissertation:
  - a. A plaque commemorating the award
  - b. A cash award of \$1,000
2. An invitation to submit a paper based on the dissertation to EMJ
3. For the advisor of the winning dissertation – a plaque recognizing the advisor’s role in the process
4. For the department submitting the winning dissertation – a plaque recognizing the award to a dissertation in their program
5. The winner will be announced during the ASEM conference.

**Due Date:** Nominations are due to the address shown below by **14 August 2023.**

**Contact Information:** Please address questions and nomination material to:

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