



INORMS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP 2027

Guidelines for Participating INORMS members.

About INORMS

INORMS brings together research management societies and associations internationally. Its purpose is to enable interactions, share good practice, and coordinate activities between the member societies, to the benefit of their individual membership. Participating INORMS Members are listed in Appendix A.

2027 Awards for Excellence

The INORMS Awards for Excellence in Research Management Leadership have been established to recognise outstanding examples of research management leaders who have made substantial contributions to the research management profession internationally. Award recipients will be announced at the 2027 INORMS Congress in Montreal, Canada from April 27-30, 2027.

Eligibility Criteria

Each participating INORMS member is invited to select one (1) awardee from their association who meets the following criteria:

- Be a current registered member of a participating INORMS association (refer to list in Appendix A);
- Provide evidence of how their contributions are congruent with the [objectives of INORMS](#);
- Provide evidence of their **outstanding contributions to the research management profession**; and
- Provide evidence of how they will continue to provide visionary leadership in research management internationally.

Restrictions

Current members of the INORMS Council and Working Group are ineligible for consideration during their term of office. Nominations cannot occur until the candidate has stepped down officially from the INORMS Council or Working Group.

Each participating INORMS member shall be responsible for identifying the most appropriate awardee from their association for the Awards for Excellence in Research Management Leadership. This includes managing the call to their respective membership and establishing fair and equitable procedures to ensure that the assessment criteria are fulfilled. Members are kindly advised that participation in the awards ceremony is optional, and any arrangements for attending the ceremony in person are at the discretion of each organisation.

Application timelines.

Timeline	Activity	Details
20 March 2026	Launch of Awards	
By 31 July 2026	Participating INORMS Members to call for nominations and to identify one eligible awardee.	
21 August 2026	Participating INORMS members to submit their nominee (including full title and response to assessment criteria) for endorsement by the INORMS Council.	Email details to INORMS Secretariat: Emma.Lythgoe@earma.org
23 October 2026	INORMS Council to endorse all recommendations.	INORMS Secretariat to advise INORMS2023 organisers and successful candidates of the recommendations.
By 15 December 2026	Send Sarah Lampson the photo and biography of your association's nominee for the The INORMS Awards for Excellence in Research Management Leadership.	Email ppt to INORMS Secretariat: info@cara-acaa.ca
April 27-30, 2027. (tentative)	Announcement of awardees at INORMS Congress from April 27-30, 2027.	
2 May 2027 (tentative)	Announcements to be posted on the INORMS website.	

- **Appendix A: Participating INORMS Societies**
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- ACU (Association of Commonwealth Universities) [UK]
- ARMA (Association of Research Managers and Administrators) [UK]
- ARMA-NL (Association of Research Managers and Administrators – The Netherlands) [The Netherlands]
- ARMS (Australasian Research Management Society Inc) [Australia, NZ, and Singapore]
- BRAMA (Brazilian Association of Research Managers) [Brazil]
- CARA (Canadian Association of Research Managers and Administrators) [Canada]
- CASSSP (Chinese Association for Science of Science and Science & Technology Policy) [China]
- DARMA (Danish Association of Research Managers and Administrators) [Denmark]
- (EARIMA) East African Research and Innovation Management Association [East Africa]
- EARMA (European Association of Research Managers and Administrators) [Europe]
- FINN-ARMA (Finnish Association of Research Managers and Advisors) [Finland]
- FORTRAMA (Network of Research and Transfer Management) [Germany]
- ICEARMA (Icelandic Association for Research Managers and Administrators) [Iceland]
- (KARMA) Korean Association for Research Managers and Administrators [Korea]
- MyRMA (Malaysian Association of Research Managers and Administrators) [Malaysia]
- NARMA (Norwegian Network for Administration and Research Management) [Norway]
- NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) [USA]
- NORDP (National Organization of Research Development Professionals) [USA]
- PHILARM Philippine Association of Research Managers [Philippine]
- Praxis Auril [UK]
- PNRM Professional Network of Research and HE Managers in Ukraine [Ukraine]
- RMAN-J (Research Manager and Administrator Network Japan) [Japan]
- SARIMA (Southern African Research & Innovation Management Association) [Southern Africa]
- SRAI (Society of Research Administrators International) [USA]
- SWARMA Swedish Association of Research Managers and Administrators [Sweden]
- The Academic Administration Forum, Warszawa, [Poland]
- WARIMA (West African Research and Innovation Management Association) [Western Africa]