



POM 2012 - Twenty Third Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. April 20 – April 23, 2012
Production and Operations Management Society

2012 WICKHAM SKINNER AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wickham Skinner Awards will be presented during the POM-2012 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. from April 20 to April 23, 2012. For information about the meeting and Wickham Skinner Awards, go to the POMS website: <http://www.poms.org/>

As a leading professional society in the field of production and operations management, POMS has the responsibility to influence and recognize outstanding research and teaching accomplishments. The Wickham Skinner Awards are intended to encourage POM scholarship and publication, to promote significant research in the field, to reward academics who have achieved unusually high accomplishment early in their careers, and to facilitate the sharing of innovative new ideas about teaching POM.

There are three categories of Wickham Skinner Awards:

- A. Best Paper published in Production and Operations Management during 2011
- B. Early-Career Research Accomplishments
- C. Teaching Achievements

For each category, there will be at most two winners of an award (first place with a prize of \$1,000 and the runner-up with a prize of \$500 or both tied for the first place each with a prize of \$1,000). Awards will not be given if the submissions do not meet the standards for each award category. The award(s) will be announced at the POM-2012 Chicago closing ceremony. Each award includes:

1. Public Recognition of the award winner(s) at the POMS Meeting
2. A plaque
3. A check for appropriate amount.

Specific definitions, award criteria, submission guidelines and related information for each award are provided below.

A. AWARD FOR PAPER PUBLISHED IN *Production and Operations Management* during 2011

Basis for Best Published Paper Award

Papers will be judged on overall quality with careful attention given to both relevance and rigor. There is no need to apply for this award as the award committee, in consultation with the journals Departmental Editors, will consider all papers published in Production and Operations Management during 2011.

Best Paper Award Committee Chair

Panos Kouvelis, (Washington University St. Louis - kouvelis@wustl.edu)

B. EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARD

Definition of Early-Career Researcher

An “Early-Career Researcher” will be defined as someone who has received a doctoral degree (or its equivalent outside of the U.S.A.) within the previous six years. For the POM-2012 Meeting, 2005 is the starting year for inclusion. Note that previous winners of this award are not eligible to apply again, but unsuccessful applicants may submit materials in a later year, provided they still meet the career stage requirement.

Procedure for Submissions

By January 15, 2012, please email copies of the materials listed below to the committee chair, Metin Cakanyildirim, metin@utdallas.edu along with a copy to Sushil Gupta, the Executive Director of POMS via e-mail at (poms@fiu.edu). The committee chair will acknowledge receipt and distribute copies to the judges. Additions to the portfolio cannot be made after the January 15 deadline. The portfolio should include:

1. A cover letter of no more than two pages applying for the award that highlights the major contributions of the applicant’s entire body of research
2. A copy of the candidate’s resume
3. Copies of one to three key papers
4. A maximum of three letters of recommendation for the award from other academics or area/department chairs describing the applicant’s contribution to research, or from practitioners confirming the successful application of research findings.

Basis for the Early-Career Researcher Award

Accomplishments can be measured in many ways, with publications and presentations given primary importance. Work published (or formally accepted for publication) or presented at a conference within the six-year eligibility period will be considered in the evaluation process if properly documented.

The judges will evaluate the impact of the body of work in terms of its ability to broaden, extend, and alter the way that POM is conceptualized, practiced, and viewed. The judges are not required to give awards if applicants do not meet the standards they establish.

Early-Career Research Award Committee Chair

Metin Cakanyildirim, (University of Texas, Dallas - metin@utdallas.edu)

C. TEACHING ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize impact and innovation in the teaching of Production and Operations Management courses.

Award Criteria

1. *Pedagogical excellence.* This could be documented through the diversity of courses taught and student evaluations, letters of support from former students and/or assessments of knowledgeable colleagues.
2. *Creativity and/or innovation.* This would be reflected in teaching approaches and methodologies (e.g., team teaching, student teams, action learning, role playing, etc.) and/or new ways for understanding actual operations problems and the methods that can be applied to deal with them (e.g., frameworks, technology, software, etc.).
3. *Impact.* In this case, impact on the field, the profession, students/executives, and managers is of relevance. Various types of evidence could be offered to demonstrate that the applicant's teaching has influenced the world of POM. Having taught large numbers of students is certainly one measure of impact, but more important is evidence that the applicant's teaching has influenced behavior. This could be documented via letters from former students, statements from people in industry who have hired former students, and letters from other academics who have themselves been influenced by the applicant's teaching (e.g., by adopting a book, case or course structure).

Procedure for Submissions

All applicants should prepare a 5 page (maximum) statement of their teaching achievements and philosophy. The 5 page limit does not apply to additional exhibits which can be used to provide supporting evidence relating to criteria for the award. The **entire packet of materials must be submitted electronically** to the committee chair Asoo J. Vakharia (asoov@ufl.edu) and a copy should also be sent to Sushil Gupta, Executive Director of POMS (poms@fiu.edu). POMS urges department chairs or peers to encourage worthy candidates to apply.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2012.

Award Committee Chair

Asoo J. Vakharia, Chair (University of Florida - asoov@ufl.edu)