



PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

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The Chelliah Sriskandarajah Early Career Research Accomplishments Award

As a leading professional society in the field of production and operations management, POMS has the responsibility to influence, recognize, and reward its members for their unusually high accomplishments in the early stage of their careers. The Chelliah Sriskandarajah Early Career Research Accomplishments Award has been created to recognize these accomplishments. The award will be presented during the 2026 POMS Annual Conference, Reno, NV, U.S.A. For information about the conference and The Chelliah Sriskandarajah Early Career Research Accomplishments Award, please visit POMS website: <http://www.poms.org/>

For this award, there will be at most two winners. The first-place winner gets a prize of \$1,000 and the runner-up gets a prize of \$500. If there is a tie for first place, each winner will get a prize of \$1,000. Awards will not be given if the nominees do not meet the standards. An award plaque and a check for the appropriate amount will be presented to the winner (s) at the awards luncheon. The winner (s) of the award will be notified by February 15, 2026.

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 USA) within the previous six years. For the POMS 2026 meeting, 2020 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. The applicant must be a POMS member in good standing.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSIONS

By January 15, 2026, please email copies of the materials listed below to the committee chair, Prof. Rachna Shah (shahx024@umn.edu), along with a copy to Professor Subodha Kumar, the Executive Director of POMS via e-mail at (poms@temple.edu). The committee chair will acknowledge receipt and distribute copies to the judges. Additions to the portfolio cannot be made after the January 15, 2026, deadline. The portfolio should include the following (in a one single pdf file):

1. A cover letter of no more than two pages 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 senior faculty describing the applicant’s contribution to research or practitioners confirming the successful application of research findings.

AWARD CRITERIA

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.