



PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY TO EXTEND AND INTEGRATE KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

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Transforming POM with AI: New Perspectives for a Better World

Recognizing Outstanding Service to POMS Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award

The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) created the Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award to recognize contributions made by its members to the growth of the Society. Dr. Sushil Gupta's superb administrative skills have led POMS to grow in size, become a stronger society, and truly international in scope. Dr. Martin K Starr was the first recipient of this award in 2013.

At most two awards may be given in any year. The winner (s) will be announced at the awards ceremony of the 36th Annual POMS Conference in Reno, NV, USA. Recipient(s) will receive a plaque, along with a \$2,000 honorarium and a lifetime POMS membership. For information about the conference and the Award, go to the POMS website: <http://www.poms.org/>.

AWARD CRITERIA

The recipient must be a long-standing member of POMS and must have served POMS members for a minimum of 6 years in one or more significant leadership roles. The recipient must have significantly enhanced the general welfare of POMS members through service contributions particularly during the last 10 years.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION

By January 15, 2026, please email copies of the materials listed below to the committee chair, Professor Hau Lee (haulee@stanford.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. While the Selection Committee may waive the required documentation from a nominee if deemed necessary, the portfolio should include:

1. Complete biographical information: title, affiliation, address, e-mail address, telephone.
2. Scholarly biography (maximum 1 page)
3. Description of meritorious service contributions (with emphasis on service during the last 10 years) including all roles, duties, and responsibilities for POMS service. Service contributions include service on the POMS Board, elected offices, appointed offices, conference general or program chair, committee chair, track chair, college officer, POM journal departmental editor, and the like).
4. The nomination packet must include letters of nomination from a minimum of three POMS members (in good standing). The letters of nomination should specifically outline the reasons for the nomination as well as the candidate's achievements. Self-nominations are not accepted. Each letter may not exceed 2 pages.
5. A 500-word statement should be included to be used as a press release.
6. The nomination packet should be submitted as a single pdf file.