POMS PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY
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Excellence in Industry Engagement Award

As a leading professional society in the field of production and operations management, POMS has instituted *the Excellence in Industry Engagement Award to recognize faculty excellence in engaging with industry for experiential education, research, and alumni outreach.*

The purpose of this award is to recognize faculty excellence in engagement with industry to motivate research, enhance students' learning, and collaborate with industry-government initiatives to support students' success, and create value for universities and other stakeholders. Specific definitions, award criteria, submission guidelines and related information are provided below.

All POMS members in good standing at the time of nomination and who have not previously been recognized are eligible to apply for this award. At most two awards will be given every year. An award plaque and a check of $1,000 will be presented to each winner at the Awards Ceremony of the 37th Annual POMS Conference in Orlando, FL, USA. For information about the conference go to the POMS website: http://www.poms.org/

AWARD CRITERIA

A successful applicant will **demonstrate meaningful engagement with industry, government, or nonprofit organization(s)**. Meaningful engagement is **measured primarily** by evidence of ***impact*,** including but not limited to: (1) Evidence that engagement activity has opened up or significantly influenced a direction or stream of research, as demonstrated through publications, research grants, or other tangible research outcomes, (2) evidence that engagement activity has led to a positive change in an organization's operations, decision making, or performance, and/or society at large, (3) evidence that engagement activity has contributed to the success of students, collaborators, and/or other researchers, (4) evidence that engagement activity has led to a strategic partnership between the university and the organization.

Meaningful engagement is **measured secondarily by *duration, breadth, and scope***. For example, has engagement by the individual been sustained over multiple years, involved a series of projects, or extended across multiple organizations? Activities such as Capstone projects or grant-funded work will be considered. However, to be recognized for this award, applicants must demonstrate **clear and substantial impact** beyond these activities alone.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Nominations, including self-nominations, must be sent by **January 15, 2027**. The award recognizes an individual for excellence in engagement with industry; nominations for a team of researchers will not be considered. All applicants should prepare a 5-page (maximum) statement of their engagement activities with industry, government, or nonprofit organization(s). The 5-page limit does not apply to additional exhibits that provide supporting evidence relating to the criteria for the award, which should be limited to 15 pages: (1) evidence/description of the approach and process of engagement, (2) 1-3 letters of support from industry/government/nonprofit collaborators, attesting to the nature and impact of the engagement, (3) documentation of impact through performance metrics, case studies, testimonials, joint publications, or media coverage. Applicants should also include a cover letter highlighting two or three key achievements they consider most salient to meeting the award criteria. In addition, a current CV, limited to five pages and focused on relevant engagement activities, must be submitted. The entire packet of materials must be submitted as one pdf file electronically to the committee chair Professor Pelin Pekgün (pekguncp@wfu.edu) with cc to Professor Subodha Kumar at poms@temple.edu. Applications that do not adhere to award criteria will not be considered by the award committee. POMS urges department chairs or peers to encourage worthy candidates to apply.

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