**APM Midlands Branch “Student of the Year” 2016**

The Association for Project Management (APM) is the professional body for Project Managers. A registered charity with over 21,150 individual and 550 corporate members the APM is the largest professional body in the United Kingdom developing and promoting the professional disciplines of project management and programme management.

The APM Midlands Branch represents and supports APM members in the Midlands region, covering from Worcester in the South West, Milton Keynes in the South East, Nottingham in the North East and Staffordshire in the North West.

The Midlands Branch are supporting the development of the profession amongst students by holding a “Student of the Year” competition open to Higher Education Institutions (HEI’s) in the Midlands Branch region.

* EI’s in the APM Midland Branch region are invited to submit students for the award of:
	+ “**Student of the Year – Midlands Region”,** and
	+ **“Student Group of the Year – Midlands Region”**.
	+ An HEI can make submissions in both categories for each course/module that they run
* Any individual or group (group size 2-6 students) student work will be considered as long as it was submitted by the student for assessment in the 2016 calendar year.
* Prizes are in the form of Amazon vouchers, books and APM Student Memberships.
	+ 2 prizes are available, up to the value of £200 for an individual, and to the value of £300 split equally amongst a group submission.
* Submissions should be made by the academic at the HEI using the supplied pro-forma.
* All submissions should be made by January 13th 2017.
* The Midlands Branch Committee will consider and judge applications in February 2017, with winners being invited to a presentation evening on Wednesday 22nd March. Judging criteria will include:
	+ Reference to APM BoK areas and Competencies
	+ Applicability or benefit to business/industry
	+ Lessons Learned for future projects
	+ Innovations, or overcoming challenges during project delivery.