APM Midlands Branch – Young Project Manager of the Year Award 2018

Following on from the huge success of the 2016 and 2017 awards, APM Midlands Branch is once again seeking to recognize rising talent in the Midlands region. Following the success of James Faflik of Gleeds in 2016, Sam Higgins of Rolls-Royce plc was named APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year 2017 at the branch’s awards night on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at IET Austin Court (Institution of Engineering & Technology) in Birmingham. Sam was nominated by Rolls-Royce plc for his role in the delivery of Dreadnought Pressurised Water Reactor – Valves Development and Production Programme.

Sam Higgins of Rolls-Royce plc receiving the APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year Award 2017 from Roger Garrini, Chair of APM Midlands Branch

A £20m New Product Introduction programme, including the design, development and manufacture of Dreadnought Class Nuclear Submarine Valves for the Rolls-Royce Pressurised Water Reactor 3 (PWR3) system. Activity within the project phase included the delivery of prototype valves, development of manufacturing capability and launch of parallel production programmes. As the APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year 2017, Sam won Associate membership of the APM for two years, a copy of the APM Body of Knowledge 6th Edition, £50 in Amazon vouchers and a trophy to mark his achievement.

The award was presented by Roger Garrini, Chair of APM Midlands Branch, following presentations by the seven finalists on the projects for which they were nominated. In addition to Sam, the finalists for this prestigious award were: Adrian Clegg of XPO Logistics (runner-up), Ashley Holland of Pick Everard, Elizabeth Willmott, Harriet Allen and Harriet Futers of Rolls-Royce and Navjeet Sandhu of Walgreens Boots Alliance.
Looking forward, the APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year Award 2018 will again search for those in the early stages of their project management career who are making a difference to their projects, the companies and clients they work with and the project management profession as a whole. The award is open to project managers, project professionals and specialists aged 30 years or under at the date of submission, but they may not be a student. Candidates can be working on any project where their involvement has been greater than six months.

We are again looking for the candidate who has overcome the challenges, in order to deliver the greatest benefit to their clients, project teams and wider stakeholders, with an emphasis on the positive contribution to the outputs and outcomes of their project, whilst recognising the essential role that the project management techniques have in delivering success. Project management criteria are based on the APM Body of Knowledge 6th edition.

Candidates must be nominated by the Corporate Partner or Affiliate by whom they are employed or contracted. Corporate Partners and Affiliates based in other regions but with a project management function in the Midlands may submit candidates who are working in the Midlands region.

Entries for the APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year 2018 are open. The closing date for entry is Wednesday 21 November 2018. Question packs are requested by emailing YPM@APM-midlands.org.uk
Finalists and guests will be invited to attend a presentation evening on **Wednesday 23 January 2019** alongside students vying for the APM Midlands Branch Student of the Year Award 2018 and their sponsoring Higher Education Institutes.

The presentation evening will once again take place at IET Austin Court (the Institution of Engineering & Technology) in Birmingham and the theme of the awards night will once again be the next generation of the project profession. Guests will enjoy a motivational presentation, in addition to informal networking opportunities, a delicious hot buffet and a keynote speech.

Finally, each finalist will give a short presentation regarding the project for which they have been nominated before the winner of the APM Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year Award 2018 is announced.

**The winner of the Midlands Branch Young Project Manager of the Year Award 2018 will receive a trophy and package of benefits including two years’ membership of the APM, a copy of the APM Body of Knowledge 7th Edition and £50 of Amazon vouchers.**

A photographer will once again be on hand to capture the moment as the winners receive their trophies, in addition to documentary photographs of the evening’s highlights and guests.
Finalists, left to right: Sam Higgins (Rolls-Royce), Navjeet Sandhu (Walgreens Boots Alliance), Ashley Holland (Pick Everard), Harriet Futers, Harriet Allen and Elizabeth Willmott (Rolls-Royce).

2018 changes! Candidates will again need to include a short (maximum 3 minute) video as part of their submission. The video offers the opportunity for candidates to be creative in outlining the project context. Candidate videos will be now awarded up to 30 marks based upon the production value of the video, the quality of the candidate’s presentation and the degree to which the video informs understanding of the project and its wider context. Video files can be emailed with the submission or URL can be included on the submission cover sheet directing to the company website where the video is hosted.

There is no cost to enter a submission for the 2018 award. APM Midlands Branch wishes every success to all candidates and the judges look forward to watching and reading the submissions. Good luck!