

# APM Regional Network Awards Student of the Year 2026

## Report Guideline and Marks

APM judges\* are looking for candidates to showcase their achievements with a specific project completed, within the last 3 years, in or out of school, college or university or while on placement. The candidates should illustrate the project management steps undertaken, the results and benefits of their actions and the lessons learned. Submissions should consider how they are linked to [APM's Competence Framework](#).

Open to all full-time or part-time students aged 16 or over who have been part of a project. Entrants must be Student members of APM.

Entrants for this category have a choice about how to they submit an entry, either:

- **produce a submission of up to 1,000 words** (in English) based on the judging criteria through delivery of a project where their involvement has been greater than six months.

Or

- **produce a video submission** (in English) based on the judging criteria through delivery of a project where their involvement has been greater than six months. The video must be no longer than eight minutes in length and must only show the entrant speaking to the camera, no additional persons may be present, no graphics, images or documents included in the video entry.

In addition, entrants may also submit up to four pieces of supporting evidence - images or graphics only (no text apart from captions). Evidence must support information already included in the submission and must not introduce additional elements. Please see further details on the 'Supporting evidence' tab of the Awards platform. Video and audio are not accepted as part of the submission evidence.

The following marking criteria will be used:

| Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weighting |
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| <b>Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe the context and decision drivers for your project or research</li> <li>▪ Evidence to support solution decision</li> <li>▪ Outline how stakeholders are managed</li> </ul>                       | 20%       |
| <b>Results and Benefits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Methods and techniques used to manage the delivery of outputs, outcomes and benefits.</li> <li>▪ Challenges encountered and solutions created</li> <li>▪ Overall lessons learned</li> </ul> | 30%       |
| <b>Impact/ Innovation/Teamwork</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How has your project supported learnings or progression in these areas</li> </ul>                                                                                                    | 20%       |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Candidates can choose to include one, two or all three of these topics in their submission</li> </ul>                                                                         |     |
| <b>Personal achievement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How you believe it will help you become a better project professional in the future (competence development)</li> </ul>                           | 20% |
| <b>APM Competence Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicants demonstrate understanding of at least 3 areas of <a href="#">APM's Competence Framework</a> throughout their submission</li> </ul> | 10% |

In the event of extremely close scoring the judges will ask the finalist to provide a presentation to the audience at the Regional Network Awards event. Your presentation should offer an insight into your achievements and the project management steps taken during the delivery of your project.

Duration of presentation to be announced in advance of the Award event.

\*APM Judges will be made up of Regional Network team Members or Network supporters (volunteers).