

APM Regional Network Awards Emerging Project Professional of the Year 2026

Rules of Entry

The following rules should be read and accepted before submitting an entry:

1. All entries should be submitted via the [APM Regional Network Awards platform](#).
2. AI may not be used to write or represent your entry. APM reserves the right to use tools to check entries to ensure they aren't AI generated. If an entry is found to be AI generated APM may take action against you.
3. The same project and its material may not be submitted as the basis for more than one candidate.
4. Entries should follow the set stipulations for word count and submitted using the template.
5. Entries that exceed the size or are not within the word count could be subject to a deduction of marks.
6. The candidate must have been responsible for the work described within the submission.
7. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered – 16th January 2026.
8. Entries will only be accepted when submitted in the first person, in English.
9. Content of all the submission remains, at all times, the copyright of the advocate or candidate as appropriate, but APM may wish to reproduce some content for the purpose of promotional materials such as – Entrant Case Studies/Articles, PR or other. If an advocate or candidate does not give permission for material to be reproduced without prior discussion, this must be noted on the entry form.
10. APM Regional Network team reserve the right to not make an award, as circumstances dictate.
11. Submissions must be made via the [online Awards platform](#).
12. All finalists should prepare a short presentation for delivery. These presentations may be required as part of the submission in the event of extremely close scoring.
13. The judging panel will consist of individuals who are experienced Regional Network Team Members or Regional Network supporters (volunteers).
14. Please make APM Regional Network aware if you have any professional relationship with any judges or Regional Network Team Members (to avoid conflict of interest) by emailing regionalnetworkawards@apm.org.uk.
15. The Judges' decision is final. No correspondence concerning their decision will be entered into.
16. The project entered must either have been completed not more than 36 months prior to the submission deadline, or a significant phase completed by the submission deadline.
17. All finalists will need to be employed at the same organisation they completed the project at, to be considered to go through to second-stage judging for the main APM Awards.
18. All entries are made at the expense of the entrant. No submission will be returned once the judging process is complete.
19. APM Board Members, Committee Members, Members of other APM Groups, Staff and Judges are subject to Association of Project Management (APM) conflict of interest policy, Board Member Code of Conduct and the APM Code of Professional Conduct. Any breaches will be addressed through the existing mechanisms, including the APM Professional Conduct Procedural Rules.

If you have any questions related to the above rules, please contact APM Regional Networks Team – regionalnetworkawards@apm.org.uk.