



Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management – 2016 Assessors

The Awards

The Awards are run by the ACT Division of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) as the pre-eminent Australia-wide award for management in the public sector.

The program aims to encourage and recognise better practice and innovation in Government. It is designed to honour the achievements of public sector work groups, units and teams, and focus on specific projects, initiatives or change processes, across all three levels of government in Australia.

Assessment

The Award nominations are assessed by volunteer assessors from Australian Public Service (APS) and the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) using a rigorous methodology. The assessors deliver a comprehensive assessment of each nomination for the eminent judging panel, as well as providing a feedback report for the nominating agency.

Being an assessor in the Awards is also a challenging and rewarding experience that will enhance the skills of those individuals that participate, by exposing them to IPAA's Excellence in Public Sector Management Model and its associated PIMMS assessment methodology.

They will also be involved in assessing high quality projects from across all three levels of government in Australia. There are no formal qualifications or experience required of assessors; however, assessors tend to be Executive Level officers with experience across a number of roles in the public sector.

Timeframe and Workload

The commitment required can vary, since the number of assessors needs to be matched against the number of applications received. However, based on past experience, approximately 4-6 days would be required from mid-August to the end of October 2014, with a number of less formal out-of-hours sessions before and after this.

It is preferred if these hours are negotiated release time for the assessor in working hours, though they may be in the assessor's own time if work commitments do not permit the release.

Assessors work individually on a small number of nominations, then with a paired assessor to develop an agreed rating for each nomination assigned. On the Moderation day, final ratings are agreed between the two pairs of assessors who have worked on each specific nomination.

Assessors must be available on **18 August** (training day) and **22 September** (moderation of nominations). The cost of assessor training is \$330.00 borne by the assessor's agency, which covers the cost of delivering the assessment workshop.

Additional Information and Nomination

Please contact Mr Kerry Kennedy on 0403 781513 or kerry.kennedy@act.ipaa.org.au for additional information or to volunteer as an assessor.