

**Call for Nominations**  
**M&SOM Society Award for Responsible Research in Operations Management**  
**Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2019**

**Goal**

Responsible research is defined as studies that produce both credible and societally useful knowledge. Credibility refers to the reliability and validity or trustworthiness of the findings, in either inductive or deductive work, using either qualitative or quantitative data, or both. Usefulness refers to the potential relevance of the knowledge produced to inform policies and practices with positive societal impact. The purpose of responsible research is to encourage studies contributing knowledge that may have implications for making the world a better place through informing evidence-based, high quality and societally beneficial organizational practices across business, government and non-government organizations. We call for nomination of published work that exemplifies the seven principles of responsible research (please see below).

This award is co-sponsored by the Community for Responsible Research Responsible Research for Business and Management (RRBM). RRBM is dedicated to inspiring, encouraging, and supporting credible and useful research in the business and management disciplines. It is a virtual organization initially developed by 24 leading scholars in five disciplines at 23 business schools in ten countries, supported by AACSB, EFMD, UN's PRME, Aspen Institutes' Business and Society Program, GRLI. It now has nearly 1000 signatories and 50 institutional partners, including many business schools.

**Review Committees and Process**

A review committee, consisting of 4 - 6 members (based on the volume of submissions), will be appointed by M&SOM President; committee members will be comprised of recognized senior faculty, drawing from a diverse set of research areas.

**Submission Criteria**

We accept nomination or self-nomination of research articles or research books, in the English language, that meet the following criteria:

1. The article should be published (or accepted) in a refereed journal, or the book by a university or academic press in the five years of 2014 to 2018.
2. The research focuses on timely topics that relate to current and future challenges of managing or leading an organization (for-profit business, entrepreneurial firms, social enterprises, non-profit, government, etc.) and in any region of the world.
3. Research that exemplifies the seven principles of responsible research (see below).

**Submission Procedure**

1. A PDF copy of the article or the book, a pre-print finalized manuscript is acceptable.
2. A cover letter that describes why this work (research article or book) deserves to be considered for the Award, in two single-spaced pages. If possible, provide: a) evidence on the "usefulness" of the research, i.e., how it has made a positive impact on practice or society, and b) information on how this work has been disseminated to stakeholders beyond the academic community.
3. Include the nominee's current affiliation and contact information (phone and email address), as well as nominator's name, affiliation and contact information in the cover letter.
4. Submit nomination materials (PDF of work and cover letter) to [Wedad Elmaghraby \(welmaghr@umd.edu\)](mailto:welmaghr@umd.edu) by April 1, 2019.
5. The decision of the award will be announced on or before [MSOM Business Meeting at INFORMS 2019](#).
6. Award winners will receive a plaque (to be presented at INFORMS 2019 Business Meeting) and a \$500 award (to be shared among multiple winners).

## **Evaluation Criteria**

The criteria used to evaluate submissions will be assessed along the 7 Principles outlined on [www.rbm.network](http://www.rbm.network) and described in detail in the position paper “Responsible Research for Business and Management: Striving for Credible and Useful Knowledge”. While research may not satisfy every criterion, it will be assessed along each of the following principle dimensions:

***Principle 1—Service to Society:*** Research aims to develop knowledge that benefits business / organizations and the broader society, locally and globally, for the ultimate purpose of creating a better world.

***Principle 2—Stakeholder Involvement:*** Research has been conducted via a process that values the involvement of different stakeholders who can play a critical role at various stages of the scientific process, without compromising the independence of inquiry (e.g., ethical identification of results and reporting of data.)

***Principle 3—Impact on Stakeholders:*** Research has an impact on diverse stakeholders, and helps contribute to better business and a better world.

***Principle 4—Valuing Both Basic and Applied Contributions:*** Contributions of the research are respected and recognized among school deans, journal editors, funders, accrediting agencies, and other stakeholders.

***Principle 5—Valuing Plurality and Multidisciplinary Collaboration:*** Research reflects a diversity in research themes, methods, forms of scholarship, types of inquiry, and interdisciplinary collaboration to reflect the plurality and complexity of business and societal problems.

***Principle 6—Sound Methodology:*** Research implements sound scientific methods and processes in both quantitative and qualitative or both theoretical and empirical domains.

***Principle 7—Broad Dissemination:*** Research has contributed to diverse forms of knowledge dissemination that collectively advance basic knowledge and practice.