

Objective:

To provide international recognition for Facilities Management education and identify future leaders of the Built Environment.

Awards Conditions and Process:

The inaugural "International Student of the Year" award is to be presented at IFMA's World Workplace 2010 in Atlanta, and thereafter annually at future World Workplace conferences.

The IFMA Foundation awards process provides the opportunities to engage with industry via a sponsored prequalification system for "International Student of the Year" Award Applicants.

For a small application fee (currently US\$150), paid **not** by the Student but by their Sponsoring organization. The Sponsor, which may be an industry association, chapter, council or branch; an educational provider or university; an employer, corporation or government department, is an active participant in the process of recognizing FM Excellence. It will be the responsibility of the Sponsoring organization to verify the Applicant's eligibility against the published Award criteria, pay the application fee and submit the completed application form.

There is no limit on how many Award Applicants that a Sponsoring organization may support or how many separate applications in which a student may be named.

The number of applications received from a Sponsoring organization or regarding an individual will not be a factor in the Judging process.

In 2010, it is anticipated that there will be a single international student Award winner. The Judges, however, may recommend additional awards for runners-up via "Certificates of Merit", minor prizes, entitlements etc. The granting of the "International Student of the Year" award(s) is at the absolute discretion of the Judging Panel as endorsed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the IFMA Foundation. Individual Judges will not be available for comment on the results. All decisions will be final and no appeals or correspondences will be entertained.

The Award winner(s) and all other Applicants will be notified via email by the Executive Director of the IFMA Foundation by the published date. The Award winner(s) and Sponsoring organization(s)' name, details and image may be used by the IFMA Foundation for promotional purposes.

Panel of Judges:

An international Panel of Judges will be appointed annually by the IFMA Foundation's Executive Committee to evaluate the Award applications. The Panel of Judges shall number at least five (5) in total and be chaired by an IFMA Foundation Trustee. The other members may be a mix of senior FM industry practitioners, service providers, consultants and academics.

The Panel of Judges shall be representative of international regions without specifically representing any industry associations or bodies.

Awards Eligibility and Criteria:

IFMA Foundation awards are on the basis of merit, not need.

Award applications may come from anywhere in the world and will be evaluated against the Award criteria with respect to the Applicant's:

- achievements / accomplishments
- understanding of FM and sustainability issues
- aspirations as a future FM professional
- international perspective
- Sponsors endorsement

Entries are open to those who, as of June 30 of the year of their application, are undergraduate students nearing the end of their studies or in their first year of employment following their graduation, or graduate students under the age of 30 years.

It is anticipated that Award Applicants will be or have been full-time students. Should an Award Applicant be or have been enrolled as a part-time student, and be able to satisfy all other criteria, then they will need to demonstrate at least 10 hours class time per week for the last year of their studies.

Students will have sole responsibility for ensuring accuracy and compliance of their application. Any inconsistencies in credentials or incompleteness of the application will be cause for disqualification. All applications must be in English and are to be received via email by the Executive Director of the IFMA Foundation at william.rub@ifma.org by the due date on the application form, with confirmation of receipt by return email. No hand written or hardcopy applications will be accepted.

All Award applications:

- Must submit a completed application form, educational transcript for their last full year of study and a 1,500 word maximum contextual essay addressing the Award criteria.
- Must be enrolled in a Facility Management (or related field) degree course in an accredited four-year Bachelor (undergraduate) program or an accredited Master/Doctoral (graduate) program. Undergraduate students must have completed two years of university to be eligible for consideration.
- Must be available to attend IFMA's World Workplace Conference as well as attend educational sessions and the Education Reception at which the Award presentation will be made.
- Undergraduate students must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Graduate students must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5.
- May be an Applicant or a winner of IFMA Foundation Scholarship.
- May be an Applicant or a winner of a Student Award offered by another body.
- Need not be members of IFMA or partnered industry bodies.

The applications for the 2010 "International Student of the Year" award **must be received by July 31, 2010**

Nomination and Judging Process:

1. The IFMA Foundation's Executive Committee will appoint an international Panel of Judges annually.
2. The Award application form will be downloadable at www.ifmafoundation.org at no cost to Applicants or their Sponsoring organizations.
3. Nomination of Student(s) and payment of application fee(s) by their respective Sponsoring organizations to the Executive Director of the IFMA Foundation by July 31, 2010.
4. Judging of compliant applications and notification of results will be completed no later than August 31, 2010.
5. Presentation of the "International Student of the Year" award(s) to be presented at IFMA's World Workplace by the IFMA Foundation's Chair.

"International Student of the Year" Award Winner Recognition:

The 2010 Award winner will be flown to IFMA's World Workplace 2010 Conference and Exhibition to receive their recognition which will include reimbursement of up to \$1,500 US for the following expenses: conference registration, travel, housing, meals and incidentals. While at the conference, recipients participate in an awards ceremony and IFMA Foundation Education Reception in addition to attending the valuable FM related sessions at World Workplace. This opportunity to attend IFMA's World Workplace also affords recipient the opportunity to network and make vital contacts with professionals in the industry.

The 2010 Award winner and their Sponsoring organization will receive appropriate recognition in IFMA publications, the IFMA Foundation web site and through press releases to the general media and trade press.

Interested ?

For more information please refer to the IFMA Foundation website at www.ifmafoundation.org