



VMSG Award

The VMSG Award may be made annually to an individual who is deemed to have made a significant advance to our understanding of volcanic and magmatic processes and who has made substantial contributions to the research community. The Award winner will have the opportunity to present their research as a keynote talk at the annual VMSG conference in January. The keynote talk may be given in person or as virtual presentation.

Nominators may be of any career stage, and may include PhD students. The nomination will be assessed independently of the career stage of the nominators.

Applications should be sent to the VMSG Awards and Bursaries Officer (please see email on website) by **15 September** of the application year.

Eligibility

There is no age or nationality limit and researchers at any stage of their career will be considered. However, the assessment criteria are looking for a track record of contributions.

The nominee should ideally be a part of the VMSG community, through participation in VMSG meetings and activities, and interaction with other VMSG scientists. We particularly encourage nominations for those who identify within historically under-represented groups.

Current VMSG committee members are not eligible for nomination, and neither are they eligible to nominate others.

Assessment criteria

The awarding panel will take into consideration the following points to assess whether the application describes and evidences a researcher who has had a substantial influence in their academic field and research community:

- Research outputs (40%) - Are the nominee's research outputs robust, innovative, insightful, ethical and collaborative?
- Community contributions (40%) – Has the nominee made strong and committed contributions to the research community and environment? For example, through promoting an equitable, diverse and inclusive culture, a commitment to public engagement or science communication, or convening impactful workshops or conferences.

- Impact (20%) - To what extent has research by the nominee contributed "societal impacts" (tangible benefits to society, economy, environment or culture) or "academic impacts" (major advances in knowledge and understanding)?

Scientific quality will be assessed using DORA principles (<https://sfdora.org/read/>) and will not include consideration of any publication metrics or the journal where the research was published.

Members of the awarding panel are required to watch (or re-watch) the Royal Society video on Unconscious Bias immediately before assessing applications: <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/publications/2015/unconscious-bias/>.

The awarding panel reserves the right to make no award in any given year. It may also be appropriate for a joint award to be granted in any given year. The awarding panel reserves the right to re-advertise if the applicant pool is not diverse.