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Prof Shankar Sankaran appointed PMWJ Honorary Academic Advisor in Australia

Professor of Organisational Project Management at UT Sydney joins international advisory team for PM World Journal and Library

15 October 2023 – Dallas, Texas, USA and Sydney, Australia – PM World has announced the appointment of **Shankar Sankaran, PhD** as an honorary academic advisor for the *PM World Journal* (PMWJ) and PM World Library (PMWL). Shankar is Professor of Organisational Project Management at the School of the Built Environment and an Associate Member of the UTS Robotics Institute located at the Faculty of Engineering and IT at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

A globally respected scholar in the project management field, his research covers organizational project management, sociotechnical systems and action research. His recently completed research projects are: Investigating the impact of project governance and controls on Environmental Social Governance (ESG) reporting; A practice-based study of project portfolio management and strategic alignment in construction, He is currently working with the UTS Robotics Institute developing human-robot teaming solutions for the construction sector to improve productivity and enhance well-being.



Prof Sankaran has won several research awards with Ralf Müller and Nathalie Drouin, including the Project Management Institute's Research Achievement award in 2022; the International Project Management Association research award on Balanced Leadership in 2021; PMI's David Cleland's Literati Award in 2021 for the book *Organizational Project Management*; and the Walter Lipke Award for the work on Organizational Project Management and its Validation at the Project Governance and Control Symposium in 2019.

Shankar is an editor and author of chapters of multiple books, the latest of which are the *Research Handbook for the Governance of Projects* and *Megaproject Leaders: Reflections on Personal Life Stories*, published by Edward Elgar. He is on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Project Management*, *The International Journal of Managing Projects in Business and Systems*, *Project Leadership and Society* and *Frontiers of Engineering Management*. He has guest edited special issues for highly ranked project management and systems research journals.

Shankar Sankaran holds a PhD, Business and Management, from the University of South Australia; Master of Engineering, Systems Engineering, from RMIT, Australia; Bachelor of Science (Hon), Instrument Technology, from Madras University, India; and Graduate Diploma from the Australian College of Applied Psychology, Sydney,

Australia. He is PMP certified by PMI and a Chartered Professional Engineer in Australia.

See his full honorary advisor profile at <https://pmworldlibrary.net/shankar-sankaran-phd/>.

According to PMWJ editor David Pells, “I am happy to welcome Professor Sankaran to our academic advisory team. He is well known throughout the project management academic world and has won research awards recently from both PMI and IPMA. He has also worked closely with several of our other current honorary advisors who I’m sure will also warmly welcome him. I am honored that he agreed to participate.”

Shankar Sankaran stated, “I am happy to be involved. PM World does some good work for the PM community and I have contributed in the past. I look forward to supporting PM World and their efforts.”

PM World engages with professional and academic leaders in various countries to support the organization’s dual missions of advancing knowledge sharing and continuous learning related to modern program and project management. To see all current honorary academic advisors, visit <https://pmworldlibrary.net/international-academic-advisors/>

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