

Project Management Institute Celebrates Global Excellence with 2025 PMI® Awards Winners

Unveiled at PMI® Global Summit 2025 in Phoenix, the 2025 PMI® Awards celebrate the individuals and teams shaping how the future gets made with project management.

Phoenix, Arizona - [November 14, 2025] Project Management Institute (PMI), the world's leading authority for project professionals, revealed the winners of the 2025 PMI® Awards during a special celebration at PMI® Global Summit in Phoenix, Arizona. This year's winners represent the very best of what project professionals bring to the world: creativity, dedication, and the ability to transform bold ideas into meaningful outcomes.

These prestigious honors celebrate the individuals, teams, chapters, and organizations whose passion, innovation, and commitment to project excellence are driving meaningful impact and shaping how the future gets made.

Honoring Excellence Across the Profession

Since 1974, PMI has recognized those advancing the project management profession through vision, leadership, and results. This year's honorees reflect the full diversity and global reach of the community – from rising leaders and world-class PMOs to researchers, volunteers, and chapters who elevate our profession and embody the PMI commitment to collaboration, innovation, and impact.

“Our global community continues to show what's possible when purpose meets passion,” said Brantlee Underhill, Chief Community Officer at PMI. “More than awards, these moments of recognition are an expression of PMI's culture - honoring our past, inspiring our future, and celebrating those leading the way in making the future brighter.”

PMI® Awards 2025 Winners:

PMI® Eric Jenett Person of the Year Award:

Recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the project management profession:

- **Winner:** Hsueh-Chien Teng, PMP, TOPM – Taiwan

PMI® Rising Leader Award:

Honoring early-career professionals who are already making significant impacts in project management:

- **Winner:** Marco Romero - Angola (Sub-Saharan Africa)
- **Finalists:**

- Tyler Norman, MBA, PgMP, PMP, PMI-ACP, PMI-PBA, PMI-PMOCP - USA (North America)
- Thu Nguyen Lam, PMP, PfMP, PgMP, PMI-ACP, PMI-PBA, PMI-PMOCP - Vietnam (Asia Pacific)
- Munkhdalai Tumendalai - Mongolia (Asia Pacific)
- João Henrique Barbosa Jacinto, PMP, CAPM, PMI-CDBA - Brazil (Latin America)

PMI® Fellow Award Honorees:

The highest and most prestigious honor awarded by PMI, recognizing long-standing service and leadership within the profession:

Winners:

- Jennifer Tharp
- Margareth Fabiola dos Santos Carneiro, PhD, PMP
- Sivarama (Shankar) Sankaran, PhD, PMP

PMIEF Kerzner Award for Project Management Excellence:

This award recognizes a project manager whose superior performance and outstanding application of project management methods, skills, and techniques have made a significant impact across business, government, community, or not-for-profit sectors.

- **Winner:** Giovanna Cury Pagliuca, PMP (Brazil)

PMI® Project of the Year Award Finalists:

The highest honor, recognizing a single project leading the way in the project management profession through excellence, innovation, collaboration, and positive social impact.

PMI® Project of the Year Winner: Baltic Synchronization Project – Lithuania

Category Winners:

- **Social Project:** Project Sunflower (United Kingdom)
- **Technology/Engineering:** Project One - System Transformation at Scale (United States)
- **Construction/Infrastructure:** Baltic Synchronization Project (Lithuania)
- **Honorable Mentions**
 - **Sustainability Award – in conjunction with Green Project Management®:**
Danau Tok Uban Floating Solar Power Plant Project (Malaysia)

- **Construction/ Infrastructure category:** Coastal GasLink (Canada), and Broadcast Resilience Program (Australia)
- **Social Project Category:** Sevavardhini Jaldoot - Water Messengers (India) and Greenpoint Educational Dome (South Africa)
- **Engineering / Technology Category:** Airbus A220 Business Autonomy (Canada).

PMO of the Year® Award:

Honoring PMOs that exemplify excellence in performance, leadership, and value delivery.

World PMO of the Year: PT Pegadaian (Indonesia)

Regional Winners:

- Middle East PMO of the Year – UAE Ministry of Interior (UAE)
- Europe PMO of the Year – First Ukrainian International Bank (Ukraine)
- Africa PMO of the Year – MTN Ghana (Ghana)
- Asia Pacific PMO of the Year – PT Pegadaian (Indonesia)
- The Americas PMO of the Year – Acumuladores Moura S.A. (Brazil)

PMI® Research and Academic Awards:

Honoring individuals and published works worldwide that significantly advance practical and theoretical practices of project management.

- **PMI Research Achievement Award:** *Celebrates an individual whose work has significantly advanced the concepts, knowledge, and practices of Project Management through a published body of academic research.*
 - Prof. Dr. Martina Huemann (UK and Austria)
- **PMI Young Researcher Award:** *Celebrating emerging leaders in the academic field of project, program, and/or portfolio management with potential to make a significant impact on the field and practice:*
 - Dr. Sujuan Zhang (Australia)
- **James R. Snyder Student Paper of the Year Award:** *Recognizes excellence in student development of original concepts in Project Management that advance the concepts, tools, and techniques of managing project-oriented tasks.*
 - Anna af Hällström, PhD (Sweden)

- **PMI Linn Stuckenbruck Teaching Excellence Award:** *Honoring faculty members for excellence in teaching project management curricula in higher education:*
 - Yael Grushka-Cockayne (United States)

PMI® Chapter of the Year Award:

Celebrates the achievements of PMI chapters that show exceptional leadership, innovation, and contributions to the project management profession.

- Winner: PMI Chennai Chapter (South Asia)

Regional Finalists:

- PMI New Zealand Chapter (Asia Pacific)
- PMI Bulgaria Chapter (Europe)
- PMI Pernambuco, Brazil Chapter (Latin America)
- PMI UAE Chapter (MENA)
- PMI Mile-Hi Chapter (North America)
- PMI Ghana Chapter (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Chapter Leadership Impact Award Winners:

Recognizes exceptional leadership and volunteer contributions made by PMI chapter leaders to enhance their chapter or mentor region.

- Joshua Allan Netto Jr, PMP, PMI-RMP - PMI Malaysia Chapter (Asia Pacific)
- Astghik Sahakyan, PMP - PMI Armenia Chapter (Europe)
- Ana Elizabeth Vega Valle, PMP - PMI Bajío, Mexico Chapter (Latin America)
- Mira Thoumy, Ph.D., PMP - PMI Lebanon Chapter (MENA)
- Mahesh Deshpande, MBA, PMP - PMI San Francisco Bay Chapter (North America)
- Palash Gupta - PMI Bangalore (South Asia)
- Stéphanie-Laure Zoro - PMI Côte d'Ivoire Chapter (Sub-Saharan Africa)

A Tradition of Recognition, A Vision for the Future

For decades, PMI has celebrated excellence in project management, recognizing how individuals, teams, and organizations turn purpose into results and bring PMI values to life.

With the expansion of our ecosystem through Green Project Management, the PMI recognition program continues to evolve - exploring new ways to highlight enterprise agility, sustainability, and emerging practices within the profession.

For more information about the PMI® Awards program, visit pmi.org/about/awards.

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