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Call for Applications – IPMA Research Director

Deadline for applications: 14 November 2025

The International Project Management Association (IPMA) invites applications for the volunteer position of IPMA Research Director for the term 2026–2029.

The IPMA Research Director plays a pivotal leadership role in managing the entire process of the IPMA Research remit activities, coordinating and managing the IPMA Research Group, coordinating the annual IPMA Research Conference and the annual IPMA Global Research Awards. The Director reports to the IPMA Chief Operating Officer, is governed by the IPMA Vice President Research and Publications, and works in close collaboration with the IPMA Research Group, IPMA Awards Team and other IPMA bodies to advance the research of project, programme, and portfolio management worldwide.

More about the IPMA Research activities: <https://ipma.world/ipma-research/>

The responsibilities of the IPMA Research Director include:

1. IPMA Global Research Awards

- Manage the full process of the annual IPMA Research Awards across all categories

- Collaborate with the IPMA VPs for Awards and Research&Publications, Award Office
- Coordinate Assessors and the Judges
- Support the organization of the IPMA Award Winners Club
- Collaborate with universities and research institutions, promote the Awards

2. IPMA Research Conference

- Oversee the implementation of the annual IPMA Research Conference
- Coordinate with the local organizer to ensure compliance with IPMA standards, best practices, and documentation
- Coordinate establishment of the Scientific committee, Organizing Committee
- Supervise conference preparation,
- Coordination IPMA Research Conference website
- Coordination of IPMA Research Conference publications – Book of abstracts and Proceedings
- Coordinating the proceedings indexation in Web Of Science
- Maintain regular communication with the IPMA VPs for Events and Research

4. IPMA World Congress

- Coordinate establishment of the Scientific committee
- Coordination of IPMA World Congress Proceedings
- Coordinating the proceedings indexation in WoS
- Maintain regular communication with the IPMA VPs for Events and Research & Publications

3. International Project Perspectives (IPP)

- Coordinate with IPP editors and co-editors on content planning and publication
- Manage relations with partners and sponsors
- Supervise promotional activities and collaboration with website developers and designers

4. Research and Development

- Coordinate empirical and market-oriented research related to IPMA products and services
- Collaborate with IPMA VPs, Operations, and product owners
- Foster partnerships with academic and corporate entities

Additional Responsibilities

- Report regularly to the Executive Board (ExBo) and present research activities at CoD meetings
- Conduct regular meetings with the Research Management Group
- Propose continuous improvements across all research areas

What IPMA Offers

- A volunteer role within an international and dynamic IPMA setting.
- Exceptional networking opportunities with world-class professionals and organizations.
- Opportunities for professional growth, leadership development, and global exposure.
- Engagement in a culturally diverse environment fostering collaboration and innovation.

Requirements

- Demonstrated and extensive experience (minimum 5 years) in project management research at a senior or leadership level.
- A PhD in a relevant field is required with a demonstrated research experience.
- Higher academic degrees will be valued.
- Prior experience in the relevant IPMA remit will be especially valued.
- Familiarity with the IPMA Ecosystem and project management, the IPMA Awards processes, IPMA REB and IPMA ICB.
- Membership in an IPMA Member Association. In accordance with Article 14.2 of the IPMA Bylaws, all IPMA Officers must be directly connected with IPMA, either as members of a Member Association or as Board-level employees of Member Associations.
- IPMA certification (an advantage).
- A supporting letter from the candidate's Member Association is mandatory.
- Excellent English communication skills (written and oral).
- A minimum of 300 volunteer hours per year is required for this role.

Only candidates eligible at the time of application and at the time of the deadline will be considered. Please note that eligibility must be maintained throughout the nomination period, including the deadline and up until the decision.

IPMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in all its international appointments. We welcome applications from candidates of all genders, regions, cultures, and professional backgrounds.

How to Apply: 2 mandatory steps

Step 1. Please complete the online application form by **November 14, 2025 (23:59 CET/UTC+1)**:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Mc2ALEHc8f>

Step 2. Please submit your CV, cover letter, commitment to the requested volunteer time, and a supporting letter from the Member Association to info@ipma.world by **November 14, 2025 (23:59 CET/UTC+1)**.

The final selection and appointment will be announced by December 15, 2025.

We kindly ask all Member Associations to share this call with their eligible members. Thank you for your continued commitment to advancing the project management profession and strengthening the IPMA Ecosystem.



With kind regards,

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President, International Project Management Association (IPMA)