



## ***Nuclear Engineering International* magazine training awards**

Following a successful first year, the *Nuclear Engineering International* magazine training awards programme returns in January 2015. We are now calling for entries by 15 September 2014.

To make it fair, we have split the training awards into categories, each with different judging criteria.

### **Apprenticeship of the year**

For paid, long-term work placement in which student learns skills at workplace through mentoring/management/education by experienced workers or trainers.

Criteria:

- Engagement with company goals and nuclear culture
- Provision of real-world exposure
- Degree of training support
- Mentor quality
- Apprentice tracking/assessment

### **Industry skills programme of the year**

For regional or national incentives, initiatives or programmes that foster development of workers' industrial skills (rather than teaching them directly).

Criteria:

- Effectiveness
- Strategic importance of target group
- Amount of exposure in marketplace
- Innovative approach

### **Simulator training programme of the year**

For training using computer or logic-based systems that mimic the behaviour of nuclear reactors and ancillary systems including transformers. Includes classroom or desktop simulators. Not intended for non-reactor simulations or virtual reality simulation in general. Any duration, any location.

Criteria:

- Effectiveness
- Training rigour
- Accessibility (for example, online elements)
- Innovative approach (including use of technology)

### **Training course of the year (all durations)**

For traditional classroom and laboratory education courses. Also suitable for non-workplace training of employees. Divided into three groups by length (duration) of course. Duration does not refer to how many years it has been running.

Criteria:

- Effectiveness
- Relevance to industry needs
- Teacher quality
- Training rigour
- Accessibility (for example, online elements)
- Innovative approach

### **Workplace/continuous professional development training course of the year**

For training that is not explicitly part of job (that is, not an apprenticeship) offered at place of work.

Criteria:

- Effectiveness
- Training rigour
- Strategic importance of target group
- Teacher quality
- Engagement with company culture/goals

### **How to enter**

Nominations are now being accepted for one or more of these categories. To be eligible, courses must have run for some point over the past 12 months (July 2013-June 2014). There is no limit to the number of nominations, but each course can only be entered into one category. Decisions by the judges are final. Contestants are under no obligation to advertise in the magazine. Courses shortlisted last year may be reentered, but with a new application.

Applications should state:

- Category applied for
- Details of programme (name, organizer, dates, duration, class size, cost, main target audience)
- General description of programme (max. 250 words)
- Explanation of why your entry meets the assessment criteria (max. 1000 words)

Entries must be received by 15 SEPTEMBER 2014.

Send nominations to Will Dalrymple, editor, preferably by email:

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