As part of their ongoing support of academic institutions and students, the Sydney and Newcastle Chapters of the Australian Geomechanics Society are offering the prestigious AGS NSW Research Award for research in Geotechnical Engineering or Engineering Geology. The award aims to provide a forum for research students from NSW universities to showcase their research to the wider Geotechnical Community.

Prize
$2,000

Important dates
5th May 2019
Closing Date for Submissions
17th June 2019
Selection of Three Finalists
17th July 2019
Finalists Presentation (Sydney)
Level 6, Room P6 and P7, 207 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW

Eligibility
The award is open to:
• Research students
• Enrolled in any New South Wales university
• Undertaking research in Geotechnical Engineering or Engineering Geology

Submissions
The submission for the Award shall comprise a report, with a geotechnical engineering or engineering geology theme, of no more than 3,500 words, giving a broad summary of the research. The report shall cover the research questions and rationale, the scope of the thesis, the most important results, and conclusions. The submission must be detailed enough to convey the full impact and significance of the research and should be accompanied by selected tables and figures.

The student must be the sole author of the submitted report. The AGS may request supporting documentation from the candidate's supervisor, and the supervisor's details must be provided in the submission.

The finalists will be expected to provide a written paper (with any co-authors as appropriate), which complies with the editorial requirements of the Australian Geomechanics journal (obtainable from the Australian Geomechanics Society website). The written paper must be substantially new, unpublished material, and a statement of this must accompany the written paper.

Evaluation of submissions
Written submissions will be assessed by a Review Panel. The Review Panel will select up to three finalists who will be invited to present their submissions at AGS technical meetings in Sydney. The winner will be selected by the Review Panel at the end of the second presentation on the basis of the selection criteria below.

The decision of the Review Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Review panel
The Review Panel will consist of:
• Three senior academics from NSW universities;
• Two AGS committee members from the Sydney Chapter; and
• One AGS committee member from the Newcastle Chapter.

Selection criteria
• Technical content 30%
• Originality of content 15%
• Industry relevance 20%
• Clarity of written submission 10%
• Clarity of verbal communication 25%
TOTAL 100%

Publishing
It is expected that written papers will be prepared by the finalists for publishing in Australian Geomechanics.

Further information
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