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## Awards nomination information

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### Objectives

To recognise, promote and encourage exemplary evaluations, evaluators and evaluation practice in Australasia which adhere to the following principles:

- excellence
- professionalism
- ethical conduct.

The principles of professionalism and ethical conduct mainly apply to the role of the evaluator and/or the evaluation team. The principle of excellence is mainly concerned with evaluation practice and products.

### Eligibility

A nominee must have been a member of the AES for a minimum period of 12 months prior to the nomination closing date:

- except that a nominee for the Emerging New Talent Award must have been a member at the time of nomination but is exempt from the 12-month minimum membership requirement.
- in the case of a group nomination, at least one nominee must meet the 12-month minimum membership requirement.

### Closing date

**Friday 28 June 2013**

### Confidentiality

All nominations and supporting documentation are treated as commercial-in-confidence and are confidentially handled and stored, and all copies appropriately destroyed at the conclusion of the awards process by the AES and the Awards Panel judges.

### Assessment criteria

Nominations will be assessed against the objectives of the category for which they are nominated and the assessment criteria that apply to that award.

#### ***The assessment criteria for 'professionalism' and 'ethical conduct' are defined as:***

- professionalism – demonstrated quality and adherence to professional standards especially in dealing with challenges presented in their work;
- ethical conduct – demonstrated high standards of ethical conduct as individuals (including a demonstrated understanding of the vulnerability or disempowerment of disadvantaged groups) and adherence to the AES Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations and the AES Code of Ethics.

#### ***Excellence in evaluation is assessed using some or all of the six assessment criteria outlined below:***

- quality – of the evaluation or in the application of evaluation theory, principles, methods and practice – this involves appropriateness, fitness for purpose and technical quality;
- leading edge – clearly an example of innovation and good practice in this class of evaluation (the specific award category);

contribution to knowledge – to improving/refining one or more of evaluation theory, scholarship, principles, methods and/or evaluation practice;

effectiveness – in achieving client/project objectives, in its response to context, in partnering and/or cross training with the client/s or in making a difference/delivering better client outcomes through the application of evaluation theory, principles, methods and practice;

equitable – inclusiveness through the advancement of the prospects, demonstrating fairness, social justice, equity and involvement of key stakeholders, including the effective engagement of special interest groups (culturally and linguistically diverse, Indigenous, youth, etc.); and

sustainable – providing continuity and sustainability of evaluation and/or the integration of evaluation as an ongoing component of client, agency or sectoral policy, programs, projects or services.

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