



Are you WIOMSA Alumni? Tell your story and win!

Since its establishment 25 years ago, WIOMSA has supported over 1500 individual scientists through its grant programmes (i.e. MASMA and MARG), capacity development initiatives (i.e. WIO-COMPAS and short-term courses) and biennial Scientific Symposium.

What an opportune time to hear stories from you on how WIOMSA has contributed to the development of your career!

To coincide with its 25-year anniversary, WIOMSA is launching its first alumni success stories competition. You are an alumnus if you have received a WIOMSA grant or have been supported to attend different events. WIOMSA is proud of its alumni and wants to hear about your career successes and the ways in which WIOMSA grants and financial support have made a difference.

Your stories will inspire other alumnus and those who are not part of the unique WIOMSA alumni community.

How to join the competition

Share your story and participate in the Alumni Success Stories Competition! Enter the competition by submitting a one to two-minute video describing how WIOMSA grants/support have made a difference in your career. Say what the support meant to you and how it affected your career.

Winners will be announced during the Tenth WIOMSA Scientific Symposium that will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 30th October to 4th November 2017. Participants also have an opportunity to have their stories uploaded on the WIOMSA YouTube Channel!



Competition guidelines and conditions for participation

You enter the Alumni Stories competition by submitting a two-minute video.

- Eligibility: the competition is open to all WIOMSA alumni.
- Entries must be in English or, if you choose another language, make sure to have English sub-titles.
- Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and by submitting, you are confirming that the video is your own and has not been produced for any other purpose.
- WIOMSA reserves the right to upload all videos entered in the competition on the WIOMSA YouTube Channel.
- You must have the copyright to all material (text and pictures) used in the video. If other people appear in the pictures, you must have their permission to use them.
- Only successful nominees will be notified of their selection and invited to accept this award, to be presented at the Tenth WIOMSA Symposium. If the recipient is unable to attend the ceremony, he/she will be requested to nominate someone else to receive the award on his/her behalf.
- The video must be longer than 60 seconds, but not longer than 120 seconds.

How will the submitted videos be judged?

Videos will be judged based on:

- (i) Creativity (ingenuity and innovative thinking) (30%);
- (ii) The extent of impact/influence (30%);
- (iii) Persuasiveness and effective communication (20%); and
- (iv) Overall presentation (20%).

All entries will first be screened to ensure they meet the entry criteria. A panel of qualified judges with representation from the WIOMSA Board, Programme Committee, Country Coordinators and Secretariat will review submitted videos. The judges will rank all eligible videos received. The 10 highest scoring films will be deemed finalists and screened during the 10th WIOMSA Scientific Symposium. These films will proceed to a second round of judging where three winning videos will be selected.

How to submit a video

Each video should be accompanied by a short catchy caption, which describes the theme and content of the video. Entries should be sent via e-mail to: secretary@wiomsa.org by **30th September 2017**. To enter, contestants must submit one, and only one, entry video in accordance with the descriptions above.

The name of the video must include the contestant's two names and must be in MP4 format.

Share your story but not compete?

If you would like to share your story on the WIOMSA website but not take part in the competition, you are welcome to send it to secretary@wiomsa.org. Your story will be uploaded under your name on the web page <http://www.wiomsa.org/wiomsa-alumni/>.