The Indian Institute of Metals, Mumbai Chapter Awards, 2026

The Indian Institute of Metals, Mumbai Chapter, invites nominations for the **"IIM Mumbai Chapter Awards"** to identify and promote excellence in research and development work carried out in the field of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science. The outstanding research conducted as Master's and Doctoral theses, and technical publication in peer reviewed journal by young researchers aged less than 35 years as on January 01, 2026 are eligible for the awards.

Two new award categories are being started from this year. The new categories are "IREL IIM MC Best practicing Engineer Award" for nominees i) age less than 40 years and ii) age more than 40 years, as on January 01, 2026.

The award comprises a cash prize to fully/partially cover Life membership of IIM. If no suitable candidates are found then the award will not be given for that year.

A) Best Master's Thesis (1 No.):

i) Eligibility criteria:

a) The dissertation work carried out for the Master's degree such as MS Engg (Research), Master of Technology or equivalent in the field of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science are eligible for nomination.

b) The nominee should be preferably a member of the IIM

c) The degree should be awarded by an institute located in jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter.

d) Master's degree awarded within the period **January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025** are only eligible for the award in 2026.

ii) Nomination procedure:

a) Nomination should be done by **any one** of the following:

- The Head of the department, where the nominee completed a master's degree
- Dissertation/Thesis Supervisor
- Fellows of Indian Institute of Metals (IIM)

b) Documents to be submitted:

i) Provisional degree/final degree certificate showing the date on which the degree was awarded

ii) Softcopy of the full thesis (in pdf format)

iii) First page of publications from the thesis work, if any

iv) One-page writeup describing the a) Scientific, technological, and industrial relevance, b) novelty of the work/experimental techniques used, and c) impact of the work

v) Bio-data of the nominee, including date of birth, contact details, email Id of the nominee and phone number, IIM membership number (if the nominee is a member)

vi) Filled in checklist

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B) Best PhD Thesis (1 No.):

i) Eligibility criteria:

a) Thesis carried out for the Doctoral degree in the field of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science or equivalent is eligible for the nomination under this category.

b) The nominee should be preferably a member of the IIM

c) The degree should be awarded by an institute located in jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter.

d) Final/provisional degree awarded within the period **January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025** are only eligible for the award in 2026.

ii) Nomination procedure:

a) Nomination should be done by **any one** of the following:

- The Head of the department where the nominee completed PhD degree
- Thesis Supervisor
- Fellows of Indian Institute of Metals (IIM)

b) Documents to be submitted:

i) Provisional degree/final degree certificate showing the date of completion of the degree

ii) Softcopy of the full thesis (in pdf format)

iii) First page of publications arising from the thesis work

iv) One-page writeup describing the a) Scientific, technological, and industrial relevance, b) novelty of the work/experimental techniques used and c) impact of the work

v) Bio-data of the nominee, including date of birth, contact details, email Id of the nominee and phone number and the list of publications from the thesis work, IIM membership number (if the nominee is a member)

vi) Filled in checklist

C) VASVIK IIM Mumbai Chapter Best Technical Paper Award (2 Nos.):

One award will be given in each category: (i) in basic science and (ii) in directed research

i) Eligibility criteria:

a) The first author of the paper should be of age less than 35 years as on **January 01, 2026** will be the nominee for the award.

b) The paper should focus on topics relevant to the award's objectives i.e. advancements in technology, innovation, basic science or societal impact in the field of Materials Research.

c) First author should be affiliated to an institute located in the jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter will only be considered.

c) technical papers published in the area of i) basic research and ii) directed research in the area of Materials Science and Engineering are eligible.

d) Papers published in only **scopus indexed journals** within the period **January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025** (date on which it appeared online for the first time after acceptance should be within the period) are eligible for the award in 2026.

ii) Nomination procedure:

a) Nomination should be done by **any one** of the following and should clearly mention the category of the award in which it is applied:

- Self-nomination by the first author
- Nomination by peers, institutions or organization
- Members of the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM)

b) Documents to be submitted:

i) Soft copy of the full paper showing the name of the journal, volume, year, page number. The submitted paper should have an abstract and highlights (4-5 bullet points) of the paper.

ii) For topics on directed research endorsement letters from recognized experts in the field OR user certificate should be submitted

v) Bio-data of the nominee, including date of birth, contact details, email id of the nominee and phone number, IIM membership number (if the nominee is a member)

vi) Filled in checklist

D) IREL IIM MC Best practicing Engineer Award (2 Nos.):

One award will be given in each category: (i) age less than 40 years and (ii) age more than 40 years

i) Eligibility:

1) Age of the nominee (for the award category) mentioned above should **be as on January 01, 2026**
2) Life member of IIM OR an annual member of IIM continuously at least for the last 5 years
3) Nominee should be affiliated to an organization within the jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter
4) Contributions made by the candidate in the last 5 years will only be considered for evaluation in the field of Metallurgical engineering and Materials Science.

ii) Nomination Proposal for both the categories should contain the following:

1) Engineering career achievement should be briefly stated in maximum 500 words.
2) Nomination should explain how the nominee contributed in (i) productivity enhancement, (ii) energy saving, (iii) cost saving, (iv) effluent reduction / zero discharge, (v) new product / process / technology development etc.
3) Nomination should highlight the commitment of the nominee towards Technology, Learning / Implementation of new technology for the industry.
4) Any other contribution towards Professional Society Activities, Community & Humanitarian Activities, Membership with the professional Institutions etc should be highlighted.

5) Provide a citation of one paragraph (about 50 words) which summarizes the basis of recognition by answering "Why the nominee deserves this award". (This will be used for subsequent formal announcements and publicity purposes)

iii) Nomination procedure:

a) Nomination should be done by the following:

- Nomination by Head of the Institution / Organization / Department of the nominee

iv) Documents to be submitted:

1) Nomination proposal
2) Letter of support from recognized experts in the field OR user certificate should be submitted.
3) Bio-data of the nominee (including date of birth, contact details, email id of the nominee, phone number and IIM membership number)

Important to note:

- Nominations should be emailed as a single pdf file (max 10 MB) to secretary@iim-mumbai.com and sroy27@gmail.com on or before **May 31, 2026.**
- For thesis/publications exceeding 10 MB size, nominees can separately email the thesis/publications file or share the link to the google drive or its equivalent. The rest of the documents should be emailed as a single pdf file (max 10 MB).
- **Nominations submitted only via email before the deadline will be considered for the prize**.
- The award winners/nominators will be communicated by email tentatively by **June 15, 2026.**

Canvassing in any form my lead to rejection of the nomination.

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Checklist for Best Master's and PhD Thesis

(to be submitted along with other documents)

Sr. No.	Details	Attached (Yes / No)	Remarks
1	The nominee should be preferably a member of the IIM		
2	The M. Tech or Ph.D. degree should be awarded by an institute located in jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter		
3	The degree awarded within the period **January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025**		
4	Provisional degree/final degree certificate showing the date is submitted		
5	Softcopy of the full thesis is submitted		
6	First page of publications from the thesis work is submitted		
7	One-page writeup is submitted		
8	Bio-data of the nominee is submitted		

Checklist for VASVIK IIM Mumbai Chapter Best Technical Paper Award

(to be submitted along with other documents)

Sr. No.	Details	Attached (Yes / No)	Remarks
1	The first author of the paper is of age less than 35 years as on January 01, 2026		
2	First author is affiliated to an institute located in the jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter		
3	Paper is published in a **scopus indexed journals** within the period **January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025** (date on which it appeared online for the first time after acceptance should be within the period)		
4	Soft copy of the full paper is submitted		
5	For topics on directed research endorsement letters from recognized experts in the field OR user certificate should is submitted		
6	Bio-data of the nominee is submitted		

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Checklist for IREL IIM MC Best practicing Engineer award

(to be submitted along with other documents)

Sr. No.	Details	Attached (Yes / No)	Remarks
1	Age of the nominee is **not be more than 45 years as on January 01, 2026**		
2	Life member of IIM OR an annual member of IIM continuously at least for the last 5 years		
3	Nominee is affiliated to an organization within the jurisdiction of the IIM Mumbai chapter		
4	Nomination proposal is submitted		
5	Letter of support from recognized experts in the field OR user certificate is submitted		
6	Bio-data of the nominee (including date of birth, contact details, email id of the nominee, phone number and IIM membership number) is submitted		

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