

Dear all

This week we have two PhD scholarships available at UNSW that might interest you:

- PhD scholarship on: Characterizing Worldwide Bushfire from Space
<https://www.wrc.unsw.edu.au/news/phd-scholarship-on-characterizing-worldwide-bushfire-from-space>
- PhD scholarship on: Detecting Groundwater Dynamics from Space
<https://www.wrc.unsw.edu.au/news/phd-scholarship-on-detecting-groundwater-dynamics-from-space>

Notice of MSSANZ AGM at MODSIM2021

The MSSANZ Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with MODSIM2021 in Sydney, **6–7pm on Tuesday 7 December**. It will be held at the conference venue and online for virtual attendees. A quorum of 10% of members attending MODSIM2021 is required, and you are strongly encouraged to attend.

Election of office-bearers

The Society is managed by a Management Committee comprising 5 Executive and 10 Ordinary members, and an Awards Committee of 4 Fellows. Nominations for these positions are now called for, and must be received **prior to the AGM**. Nominations open today (5 November) and will close at 5pm (AEDT) on **Tuesday 30 November**. Position descriptions are available at <https://www.mssanz.org.au/governance/positions.html>

Nominations are to be lodged through one of two google forms (note you do not have to sign into a Google account):

- Nomination form for Management Committee <https://forms.gle/2zQ4s7AZWtDNYwUi7>
- Nomination form for Awards Committee <https://forms.gle/B79K1zdvyJLVf74A>

Please see further information about nominations and voting below.

General Business

If you have issues that you would like to have discussed under General Business at the AGM, please let us know by emailing office@mssanz.org.au by 15 November.

An agenda will be distributed on 17 November. Notice of nominations received will be distributed on 3 December.

If you would like something included in this digest, please email it to office@mssanz.org.au

Kind regards, Karen

Procedures for MSSANZ AGM and voting for committee positions

1. Nominations for positions will be accepted online through two Google forms
2. Members will self-nominate and provide names and contact details of 2 referees.
3. Members are eligible to self-nominate **if they are registered to attend MODSIM2021** and are 18 years old or over. Their nomination will become invalid if they do not attend MODSIM2021. Members who do not meet this criterion, but wish to nominate, are invited to submit a case to the Executive who will determine if their nomination can be accepted.

Such a submission must be received 7 days before the nomination close date and sent to office@mssanz.org.au

4. Referees must be current MSSANZ members (either registered to attend MODSIM2021 or have attended MODSIM2019 and not able to attend in 2021).
5. Nominees must confirm they have read the description for the position they are nominating for and confirm they are willing to fulfil the responsibilities of the position. The position descriptions can be found on the MSSANZ website at <https://www.mssanz.org.au/governance/positions.html> .
6. Nominees for the Awards Committee must be MSSANZ Fellows (note this includes Biennial Medallists).
7. Only members registered to attend MODSIM2021 are eligible to attend the AGM. They can attend in person in Sydney and participate in voting through the EventsAir app or they can attend virtually through the OnAIR portal and vote online.
8. Any member who is eligible to attend, but cannot due to time zone constraints, may email a request to vote in advance to office@mssanz.org.au. This will be granted on a case-by-case basis only.
9. The returning officer for elections will be Karen Mobbs, MSSANZ Executive Officer.
10. The AGM will be recorded.