I. Eligibility & Criteria

Any scholar who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of research methodology is eligible for the award. An eligible person will have advanced the process of doing organizational research, thus improving the validity of conclusions drawn and inferences made from research or increasing the types of research questions that can be tested. His or her work may address improvements in or new methods for research design, data collection, and data analysis (broadly defined). It may also address other aspects of research methodology (e.g., philosophy of science issues; delineation of concepts/constructs). His or her work may make sole methodological contributions or dual substantive-methodological contributions. Posthumous nominees will not be considered.

The award is based on the following criteria:

1. A clear record of excellence in the advancement of research methods.
2. The impact of the nominee's research upon the science, teaching, and use of research methods.
3. The stature of the nominee relative to other scholars in the field of research methods.

The award winner will be honored at the annual meetings of the Academy of Management. The winner will be given a plaque and a monetary award.

II. Nomination Procedures

Nominations must be submitted, with written justification, to Andreas Schwab (aschwab@iastate.edu), the RMD Awards Committee Chairperson, by March 15, 2018. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the nominations, the RMD Awards Committee Chairperson will review the nominations, excluding anonymous and unjustified nominations, if any. Signed, written justification will serve to limit the pool to serious nominations, and will include answers to the following questions:

1. How has the nominee's work improved the way you do research?
2. How has the nominee's work improved research methodology in organizational studies?
3. For the nominee's more recent works, how would you assess the potential for changing the way organizational research is done?
4. Include the nominee's current vita with the letter of nomination.

Nominees who do not win the award in a particular year will be automatically eligible to win the award the 2 years immediately following to the year they were initially nominated, without the need to be re-nominated. More specifically, nominees who do not win will automatically remain
in the nominee pool for up to 3 years. Beyond this 3-year period, nominees are still eligible for the award, but will not be included again in the nominees' pool unless they are re-nominated.

**Early Career Award**

Sponsored by Sage Publications, Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis

**I. Eligibility & Criteria**

The Research Methods Division has created an award to recognize the early career achievements of scholars in the area of research methods. The Early Career Achievement award is given to an individual who makes distinguished contributions to research methods research, practice, and education during the individual's early career stage (defined as within 7 years of receiving the Ph.D). (For the 2018 award, the individual must have received her or his PhD no earlier than 2011.) Any scholar whose early career performance has made notable contributions to the advancement of research methodology is eligible for the award. An eligible person will have advanced or facilitated the process of doing organizational research, thus improving the validity of conclusions drawn and inferences made from research, increasing the types of research questions that can be tested, or facilitating the education of research methods. His or her work (broadly defined, and not limited to journal publications) may address improvements in or new methods for research design, data collection, and data analysis. It may also address other aspects of research methodology (e.g., philosophy of science issues; delineation of concepts/constructs), education (e.g., development of research method courses, cases, or tools), and service (e.g., facilitating and/or participating in workshops, consistently making valuable contributions to RMNET, performing service to the Research Methods Division).

The award is based on the following criteria:

1. A record of excellence in the advancement or facilitation of research methods.
2. The impact of the nominee's efforts upon the science, teaching, and use of research methods.
3. The stature of the nominee relative to other scholars also in the early stages of their careers in the field of research methods.
4. The likelihood that the nominee will continue to provide contributions to the research methods domain.

The award winner will be honored at the annual meetings of the Academy of Management. The winner will be given a plaque and a monetary award.

**II. Nomination Procedures**

Nominations must be submitted, with written justification, to Andreas Schwab (aschwab@iastate.edu), the RMD Awards Committee Chairperson, by March 15, 2018. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted, but self-nominations will be accepted. A current vita should accompany the letter of nomination. Upon receipt of the nominations, the RMD
Awards Committee Chairperson will review the nominations, excluding anonymous and unjustified nominations, if any. Letters of nomination should address the following questions:

1. What types of contributions has the candidate made to the field of research methods?
2. How has the nominee's work (through research, education, and/or service) affected the field of research methods (e.g., the way research is conducted, the way research methods are taught).
3. What is the potential for the nominee's contributions to change the way organizational research is done in the future?
4. Does the nominee's contributions suggest that the individual will continue to make contributions to the research methods domain in the future.

**Robert McDonald Advancement of Organizational Research Methodology Award**

Sponsored by Sage Publications and RMD

**I. Eligibility & Criteria**

All published organization-related articles and book chapters that make a significant contribution to research methodology will be eligible for this award. Eligible articles/chapters will advance the process of doing organizational research, thus improving the validity of conclusions drawn and inferences made from research or increasing the types of research questions that can be tested. Articles/chapters may address improvements in or new methods for research design, data collection, and data analysis (broadly defined). They may also address other aspects of research methodology (e.g., philosophy of science issues; delineation of concepts/constructs). Eligible articles/chapters may make sole methodological contributions or dual substantive-methodological contributions.

Time frame. Eligible articles and chapters will have been published in a five year 'window' that stretches from six full years to one full year prior to the award date. Therefore, articles and chapters eligible for the August 2018 award will have been published between January, 2012 and December, 2016.

The author(s) of the award winning paper will be honored at the annual meetings of the Academy of Management. The author(s) will be given a plaque and a monetary award.

Note: This award was originally called the RMD Advancement of Organizational Research Methodology Award. The RMD Advancement of Organizational Research Methodology Award was established in 2000, and given in 2001, 2002, and 2003. This annual award will continue as the Robert McDonald Advancement of Organizational Research Methodology Award.

**II. Nomination Procedures**
Nominations must be submitted, with written justification, to Andreas Schwab (aschwab@iastate.edu), the RMD Awards Committee Chairperson, by March 15, 2018. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the nominations, the RMD Awards Committee Chairperson will review the nominations, excluding anonymous and unjustified nominations, if any. Signed, written justification will serve to limit the pool to serious nominations, and will include answers to the following questions:

1. How has the article/chapter improved the way you do research?
2. How has the article/chapter improved research methodology in organizational studies?
3. For more recent works, how would you assess the article/chapter's potential for changing the way organizational research is done?