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Awards

Reimagining  
the future  
of water

The IWA Project  
Innovation Awards  
2018 Call for Entries

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**DRS. KIRAN & PALLAVI PATEL  
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## The Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018

**The Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018 supports a vision of a water future where this most basic of human rights is managed wisely to satisfy the needs of human activities and ecosystems in an equitable and sustainable way.**

Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel are physicians who, in 1992, started a Medicaid managed care company that became the largest Medicaid provider in the US state of Florida. Between 1995 and 2002, they built WellCare into a billion-dollar company, providing services to more than 450,000 members and employing more than 1,200 people. In 2003, the Patels sold the majority of their interest in their business and turned their attention to philanthropic endeavors through the Drs. Kiran & Pallavi Patel Family Foundation.

In 2005, Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel established The Patel Centre for Global Solutions at the University of South Florida through a generous endowment. Further support from the Patel's over the next five years saw the Patel Centre grow into the Patel College of Global Sustainability. The mission of the college is to achieve sustainable development, both locally and globally, by fostering social, economic and environmental sustainability.

A focus for the college and the Patel Foundation is on issues related to potable water, sanitation, urbanization and migration, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The global challenges in relation to water quantity and quality are unprecedented. Water is being severely impacted by climate change, and by the growing demand and competition for water from people, industry, agriculture and the environment. The global response must also be unprecedented.

**Original thinking is essential for overcoming many of these long-term challenges, and to delivering solutions for the future. The Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018 recognises and encourages groundbreaking innovations and achievements in the water industry worldwide.**

The award will be presented at an awards night held in Tokyo, Japan, as part of the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition, a global event attracting over 5,000 water leaders.



# Welcome

## to the IWA Project Innovation Awards

Awarded biennially at the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition, the Project Innovation Awards recognise and promote excellence and innovation in water management, research and technology. Now in their 12th year, the awards are presented at a prestigious event in front of an audience of water leaders from around the world.

**Water underpins every aspect of human and environmental existence. The severe water challenges facing the world today require an unprecedented global response. Innovation plays a central role in achieving IWA's vision of a world in which water is managed wisely to satisfy the needs of human activities and ecosystems in an equitable and sustainable way.**

The Project Innovation Awards recognize that our shared challenges can be overcome through the development and implementation of creative water solutions.

Find out more about the awards at  
[www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/](http://www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/)

# Call for Submissions



## Could you be the next Project Innovation Award winner?

Have you been part of a team working on an inspiring, innovative and impactful water project? Has your organisation collaborated on or led a project that has had a significant, positive and demonstrable impact? Then you could be one of our next Project Innovation Award winners!

## How the submissions process works

Preliminary submissions for the Project Innovation Awards are open until 9 April 2018. Nominees who successfully progress through the pre-judging stage will be notified by 16 April 2018 and invited to make a full submission before 4 June 2018.

**Nominations can only be submitted via the online awards platform**  
[www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/](http://www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/)

Applications open in February for the 2018 Project Innovation Awards, which will be presented during the IWA's World Water Congress and Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan, from 16 – 21 September 2018.

# The Awards

## The Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018

Celebrating and recognising groundbreaking innovations and achievements in the water industry worldwide, the coveted Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018 is presented to an outstanding example of innovation in the water sector.

**An expert panel of judges will select the winner of the Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018 from amongst the six gold medal winners of the Project Innovation Awards.**



## The Project Innovation Awards

There are six Project Innovation Awards; each category celebrates excellence in a specific field within the water sector. An esteemed panel of experts will assess submissions from each category. The winner in each category will be awarded a gold medal, and the two runners-up will receive silver and bronze medals.

**Gold medal winners will be considered for the Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018.**

### Market-changing Water Technology & Infrastructure

This award celebrates innovations in water & wastewater technologies and infrastructure, which embrace forward-thinking applications and solutions to advance clean and safe water goals. These solutions can range from specific technologies to innovative approaches.

### Performance Improvement and Operational Solutions

Original thinking is essential for overcoming long-term challenges and delivering solutions for the future. This award celebrates new and innovative approaches that improve performance, efficiency, resilience and sustainability in water operations and maintenance.

### Breakthroughs in Research and Development

Research is the powerhouse of disruptive and breakthrough innovation. This award celebrates research that is challenging existing markets and addressing future needs to create new opportunities. It is open to research of all types, as well as early stage business projects that are not yet market ready.

### Exceptional Project Execution and Delivery

Innovation in the execution of water projects is critical for the sector. This award celebrates projects that developed and implemented: creative practices during their execution; excellent client relationships beyond expectations; outstanding responses to unexpected difficulties.

### Governance, Institutions and Social Enterprise

This award celebrates social innovation, social enterprise and social entrepreneurship and their contribution to sustainable water management. In addition, it recognizes innovations in governance and institutional transitions and the role this plays in supporting the circular and digital water economies.

### Smart Systems and the Digital Water Economy

This award celebrates digital solutions with the potential to reshape the water sector. Harnessing and aligning this technology between the physical and digital worlds, creates a smarter way of managing and protecting water resources and building a water-wise society.

# The Awards Gala



## IWA Project Innovation Awards Celebration – Tokyo, Japan 2018

Now in their 12th year, the bi-annual global Project Innovation Awards will be celebrated on Monday 17 September 2018 at a prestigious gala event in Tokyo, and in front of an audience of water leaders from around the world. The gala event is held on the first night of the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition, a unique water event that attracts over 5,000 international water experts.

An inspiring evening will celebrate those water professionals expanding the boundaries of excellence in the sector. The awards night will be a place where you can meet the teams behind the winning projects; network with world-renowned experts across the field of water management, science and practice; and hear the stories of the winning projects and innovations.

This is a night to be energized and inspired at a beautiful venue in one of the world's most dynamic cities, Tokyo.

**WHEN:** Monday 17 September 2018

Doors open 6:30 pm; Gala starts 7:30 pm

**DRESS CODE:** Cocktail attire

# Application Criteria



## Eligibility

The PIAs are open to applications from individuals, companies, organizations, public bodies or any combination of the above. Applicants do not have to be members of IWA.

## Winning projects

Gold, bronze and silver medals will be awarded for each project category. The gold medal winners will automatically advance to the global awards round to compete for the Kiran & Pallavi Patel Grand Innovation Award 2018.

## Judging criteria

### General

In every category we are looking for original, innovative projects that provide long-term value to the water sector. Successful submissions should demonstrate how the project supports the transition to a water-wise world, the complexity of the problem or situation and the performance against budgetary and timeframe constraints.

### Specific

In addition to these general indicators, specific criteria will apply to each category. Please visit the IWA Awards webpage at [www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/](http://www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/) for full details.

## Key dates

**Preliminary submission deadline**  
9 APRIL 2018

**Assessment of preliminary submissions**  
16 APRIL 2018

**Full submission deadline**  
4 JUNE 2018

**Medal winners informed**  
18 JUNE 2018

## Contact us

Any questions?  
Please contact us at  
[awards@iwahq.org](mailto:awards@iwahq.org)

## How to apply

Submissions must be made online. Submission information can be found at: [www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/](http://www.iwa-network.org/iwa-project-innovation-awards/)

### YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

#### 1. Preliminary submission (deadline 9 April 2018):

- a. Name and contact details of the entrants and or organisation submitting the application.
- b. Short summary of the project (maximum 450 words).

A review panel will assess all preliminary submissions, and advise all applicants on whether their submission has been accepted to the full submission stage by 16 April 2018.

#### 2. Full submission (deadline 4 June 2018):

- a. Project description (maximum 1,200 words) containing the following information:
  - The context in which the project was devised;
  - The project timeframe;
  - The project objective(s);
  - The project budget;
  - The project strategy;
  - The project implementation;
  - The outcome and results achieved by the project.
- b. Up to five high quality images that best illustrate the project. These will aid in the judging process and will be displayed on the IWA Awards webpage if your project is shortlisted for an award.
- c. Up to three supporting documents to highlight the key aspects of your project. This could include planning documents, press releases, presentations, media packs or any other material that would help our jury to assess the project.
- d. Up to three links to relevant websites, social media platforms or other online resources.
- e. A minimum of two testimonial letters.

**Awards applicants selected as medal winners will be informed by 18 June 2018**

# Call for Judges



## IWA is currently seeking judges for the 2018 Project Innovation Awards.

We're looking for experienced water professionals with a passion for innovation to join the 2018 Project Innovation Awards Jury.

Becoming a judge is a fantastic opportunity to get an insider's perspective on some of the leading projects in the water sector. You'll get a unique insight into the best of the field – cutting edge innovations that are advancing the art and science of water management.

By getting involved with the sector's leading awards programme, you'll also extend your network and gain global recognition as a leader and influencer.



## Reasons to become a judge

- Achieve recognition as a water industry leader
- Network with the sector's top innovators
- Gain insights into cutting-edge projects
- Contribute to excellence in water management by selecting and recognising the best project innovations

To register your interest, please send an email to [awards@iwahq.org](mailto:awards@iwahq.org) with your CV and a brief overview of your expertise and background. This should include which category (or categories) you wish to judge, and why.

**The deadline for applications is 1 May 2018**

Applicants will be notified of their selection status by email.

## FAQs

### Who is eligible to become a judge?

The Jury is open to current or retired professionals with experience of the water sector.

### Do I need to be an IWA member?

Judges do not need to be IWA members.

### Will I receive recognition?

Yes! Your name will be displayed in promotional material for the 2018 PIAs, including on the IWA website and in the awards night programme.

### How long does the judging process take?

The length of the judging process will depend on the number of applications per award category.

### Is there any travel involved?

Judging will take place exclusively online. No travel will be necessary.

### Can I judge more than one category?

You are welcome to apply as a judge for more than one category.



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