

******* CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – WAYNE P. HUGHES JR. AWARD *******

The Military Operations Research Society (MORS) invites nominations for the coveted
Wayne P. Hughes, Jr. Award.

Overview: This award recognizes early career analysts who are making a significant impact on the field of operations research.

Suspense: Nominations should be sent to recognition@mors.org no later than **27-Mar-2026** (extended from the previous 13-Feb-2026 deadline).

Background: The Wayne P. Hughes Award is a tribute to a former member of the MORS Board of Directors, the 20th MORS President (1985-1986), and a MORS Fellow of the Society (FS) of the First Fellow's Class of 1989. Wayne P. Hughes became the Dean of the Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences at the Naval Postgraduate School in 2001. He served as Chief, Naval Education and Training Support, and served as a distinguished commander, a military analyst, and as a Service school educator, mentoring numerous analysts.

Eligibility: Nominees for this award should be forty years of age or younger as of 1-June of the year of nomination and have been conducting operations research for less than 10 years.

Nominees also should have distinguished themselves by one or more of the following:

1. Outstanding publication(s) highlighting their analyses
2. Developing significant and impactful new analytic methods
3. Employing research results to solve real-world military and national security problems
4. Contributions toward advancing the Military Operations Research Society

NOTE: Current MORS Board Members are not eligible for this award.

Requirements: A MORS mentor* may nominate a candidate for this award by composing and submitting a letter of nomination (**of no more than two pages**). This letter must articulate why the nominee should be considered, describing the quality and breadth of the work accomplished by the nominee, and include the following:

1. *Nominee Data* – please include the nominee's name, year and month of birth, contact information, current position and supervisor, education, and work experience.
2. *Mentor Data* – please include the MORS mentor's name, contact information, and current position.
3. *Cover Letter* - the nomination letter must also be accompanied by a cover letter from the organization endorsing this candidate for nomination.

***NOTE:** The MORS mentor must be an actively contributing member of MORS. They should be a supervisor or colleague very familiar with the nominee's work.

Selection Criteria: The criteria for selection for the Hughes Award are based on the strength and quality of the contributions made by the nominees at this early stage of their careers.

Evaluation: A panel of judges will evaluate nomination packets based on professional quality and the impact and contribution to National Security analysis, including the breadth, depth, and impact of high-quality work.

Recent Winners: 2025 - Dr. Rob Curry; 2024 – MAJ Iain Cruickshank, PhD; 2023 - Dr. Daniel A. Eisenberg; 2022 - MAJ Christine C. Krueger; 2021 - MAJ Sean A. Clement; 2020 - Dr. Stephen M. Henry; 2019 - Maj Andrew D. Atkinson, USAF; 2018 - MAJ Neil E. Kester

Link to past winners: [Military Operations Research Society > Professional Development > Awards > Wayne P. Hughes Award \(mors.org\)](#)

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Sample Format:

General Information

1. Name and title of nominee.
2. Organization of nominee, including location.
3. Address, email, and phone number of nominee.
4. Birth year of nominee.
5. Number of years of experience in operations research.
6. Name of mentor.
7. Organization of mentor, including location.
8. Address, email, and phone number of mentor.

Summary

Provide information on work done by the nominee. Information should include a robust description of the work that was accomplished. Target length of the summary should be ONE page or less.

Publication Record

Nomination should include a list of the most significant publications by the nominee. This should include but not be limited to:

1. Publication date and description
2. Description of significant new analysis and resulting recommendations
3. Description of how research results were used in the solution of military problems

Agency Endorsement

Must be signed by a General Officer, Senior Executive Service member, or equivalent.

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