Since 1982 a bronze medal and a cash prize have been awarded annually by the ISRM for an outstanding doctoral thesis in rock mechanics or rock engineering, to honour the memory of Past President Manuel Rocha while stimulating young researchers.

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An invitation is now extended to the rock mechanics community for nominations for the Rocha Medal 2017.

Full details on the Rocha Medal are provided in ISRM By-law No. 7.

Application

To be considered for an award the candidate must be nominated within two years of the date of the official doctorate degree certification.

Nominations shall be by the nominee, or by the nominee’s National Group, or by some other person or organization acquainted with the nominee’s work.

Nominations shall be sent electronically, addressed to the Secretary General, and shall contain:

- a one page curriculum vitae;
- a written confirmation by the candidate’s National Group that he/she is a member of the ISRM;
- a thesis summary, written in English, with between 5,000 and 10,000 words, detailed enough to convey the full impact of the thesis and accompanied by selected tables and figures, and information on word count;
- one copy of the complete thesis;
- one copy of the doctorate degree certificate;
- a letter of copyright release, allowing the ISRM to copy the thesis for purposes of review and selection only;
- an undertaking by the nominee to submit an article describing the work, for publication in the ISRM News Journal.

Application Deadline

The nomination must reach the ISRM Secretary General by 31 December 2015.

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