

Guidelines for Best Student Paper Award

A student who applies to be considered for the best paper award must be a full time (as determined by the student's institution) registered undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral student at the time of submission of the paper. The student must identify a faculty member at the student's institution to validate status. The work presented must be original and must have been carried out principally by the student presenting the paper and the student must be the lead author.

Candidates will have to apply to be considered by using the provided form. The form must also be completed and signed by **all** authors associated with the paper under consideration.

The review committee will identify the top 6 student papers that met acceptance criteria. These papers will be subject to a second review (minimum of three reviews per paper) using the guidelines below.

Each judge receives, in advance, an evaluation form and the paper. The form is provided to aid the judge in evaluating the paper for content and presentation. To increase exposure to the student's work, best paper finalists will be identified in the SEC program. To the greatest extent possible, candidates will be scheduled as early as possible in the conference to enable announcement as early as possible. This is designed to ensure the winner has not left the conference by the time a result is announced. The content and presentation of the paper will be judged upon:

Content (80%)

1. Originality of the research
2. Efficacy of approach and methods used
3. Freedom from statistical or analytical flaws
4. Logical connection between conclusions and data
5. Importance of research

Presentation (20%)

1. Clarity of the objectives
2. How well the presenter helped the audience follow the various parts of the presentation and recognize the parts as integrating into a whole
3. How well the presenter integrated the presentation into the fabric of science represented by the work and showed the importance of the contribution to the field
4. Ability of the presenter to answer questions
5. Quality of graphics/presentation medium
6. Lack of distractions from the research presented

Application for Best Student Paper Award

Student Information	
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Program:	Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/>
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Paper Details	
Title:	
Co-Author(s):	
Declaration by Student	
<p>I declare that the work presented in the above paper is original, it has been carried out principally by myself and that I am the lead author.</p>	
Signature of Student:	
Date:	
Declaration by Co-Author(s)	
<p>I (We) declare that the work presented in the above paper is original, it has been carried out principally by _____ (student name) and that he/she is the lead author.</p>	
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