2017 WINFORMS Student Excellence Award

The Washington DC Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (WINFORMS) is pleased to announce its 2017 Student Excellence Award competition. The goal of the competition is to encourage student research in the fields of Operations Research and Management Sciences and the sharing of that research. The winning applicants will receive cash prizes.

Description
The focus of the Student Excellence Award competition is the advancement of Operations Research methodologies to solve real-world problems. Applicants must demonstrate original research that can be applied to a real-world problem in areas to include energy, healthcare, cyber, information technology, national security, production and distribution, service industries, transportation and logistics. Research can be either application or theory based. Theoretical submissions must be able to describe application of the theory to a real-world problem.

Eligibility
- Applicants must be current undergraduate or graduate students, full time or part time at the time of submission.
- The research submitted must have been conducted while the applicant was a student.
- The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the student. The paper can be co-authored with other individuals including the student’s advisor(s), industry practitioners and other students. Only one submission per applicant or collaborative research project is allowed.
- All finalists must be able to present their work in person at the April 18th, 2017 WINFORMS session in the Washington, DC area.

Submission Requirements
- Proof of current enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student (e.g. unofficial transcript).
- A completed application form (see https://www.informs.org/Community/WINFORMS/Student-Excellence-Award).
- A 1-2 page paper that describes: (1) the problem, (2) the applied methodology, and (3) the results.
- Submissions should be submitted as PDFs via email to winforms.informs@gmail.com.
- The email should be titled: “2017 Student Excellent Award Submission”.

All submissions must be received by 11:59PM, EST, March 22nd, 2017. Any question(s) related to the competition should be e-mailed to winforms.informs@gmail.com.

Finalist Selection
- All submissions will be evaluated based on: technical merit, originality, impact of research, and clarity of presentation.
- Three finalists will be invited by the WINFORMS award committee to present their work at a formal WINFORMS session on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017. The finalists will be notified of their selection by March 31st, 2017.
- The three finalists will be assessed based on their presentations and ranked for the awarding of prizes. The finalists will be notified of the ranking by May 1st, 2016.

Prizes
- 1st Prize – a WINFORMS plaque and $800 cash prize. An additional $500 will be awarded to offset travel costs if the 1st prize winner is attending the 2017 INFORMS Annual Meeting in Houston, TX (proof of abstract submission and conference registration are required). See www.informs.org for more details about the Annual Meeting.
- 2nd Prize – $300 cash prize
- 3rd Prize – $200 cash prize
(Any tax implications are the responsibility of each prize recipient.)