

Call for Poster Proposals for 2020 INFORMS RAS Poster Session & Competition

You are invited to submit a proposal to present a poster in the Railroad Application Section (RAS) poster session for the 2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting, from Nov 8 – 11 in National Harbor, MD, USA. As the format of the INFORMS conference is still uncertain, participants are still encouraged to submit posters even though they cannot physically attend.

Objectives

The rail industry is a cutting edge user of Operations Research and Analytics. The RAS poster session provides an interactive way to share knowledge and state-of-the-art research in railroad applications. Poster presenters will have the opportunity to showcase research or projects that are in the early stages of development, and benefit from the interactive critique, suggestions, and encouragement from colleagues working in the rail area. Any topics related to Operations Research or Data Analytics in railroad business are appropriate.

Abstract Submission

To submit a proposal, please email the following information to Kiran Chahar via kiran.chahar3@nscorp.com by July 15, 2020.

- Title of presentation
- Presenter name(s) including full first and last name and all degrees for each presenter
- Institution/company name and address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- A narrative abstract (500 words or less) of your presentation, including the outcomes or results of the program, project, curriculum innovation or research.

These abstracts will then be reviewed by RAS officers, and 10-15 entrants will be selected to display their posters at the 2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting. Entrants will be notified by August 15, 2020 if they have been selected to present their work.

Award

- RAS is sponsoring cash prizes for this poster session. Only academic entrants are eligible for the awards.
- Awards are offered at three levels: \$150 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place.

Display/Presentation Guidelines

- The poster must fit completely within the 30 inch by 40 inch bulletin board provided by INFORMS.
- A poster may be presented as either (1) a single large sheet of paper that can be rolled and transported in a tube or one large piece of corrugated plastic that can be folded in thirds for easy transport; or (2) as multiple pages that are mounted onto the bulletin board.
- The contributing presenters will be assumed to be the individuals who will attend the 2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting to present the poster.

If you have general questions about the RAS poster session, contact Kiran Chahar via Kiran.Chahar3@nscorp.com.

