Production and Operations Management Society

College of Sustainable Operations Best Student Paper Competition

The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) College of Sustainable Operations invites applications to the *2015 Student Paper Competition*.

The aim of the College of Sustainable Operations is to foster the creation and dissemination of knowledge to improve our understanding of the issues at the interface between sustainability and operations. The *Student Paper Competition* was started in 2010 to highlight the most promising doctoral student projects in the field of sustainable operations and provide visibility to the doctoral students carrying out this work.

The applications will be judged by the Award Committee. Up to four finalists will be selected. The proposals submitted for the competition will be evaluated based on the importance of the topic, the significance of the potential research contribution, and the appropriateness of the research approach. Up to two awards (a first place award and a runner-up award) may be given upon recommendation of the Award Committee. For the 2015 competition, first place carries a cash award of $500 and the runner-up $250. Winners will be announced at the 26th Annual POMS Conference in Washington, D.C.

There are four conditions for eligibility:

1) The applicant must be a doctoral student who has not yet defended his/her dissertation prior to December 31, 2014.
2) Only one paper can be submitted by an entrant.
3) The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the entrant. Some assistance by other individuals (such as the student's faculty advisor) is permitted as long as the student is the "first author" on the paper in principle. Research advisor must certify that the student's contribution to the paper exceeds 50%.
4) The topic of the paper should fall within the scope of sustainable operations. For a more detailed description of the sustainable operations area within the POM Journal, please go to http://www.poms.org/journal/departments/.

A complete application includes two main components:

1. A cover document (the file name should be the entrant's full name) including:
    a. The doctoral student's name, current affiliation, e-mail address and phone number. ***This information must not appear anywhere else***.
    b. The title of the student paper.
    c. A statement that all eligibility requirements have been met that is signed by the doctoral student and the student's supervisor.
2. A main document including:
    a. A separate title page with an abstract of no more than 300 words.
    b. A student paper that adheres to the following guidines:
        - A paper of no more than 32 pages including references, tables and graphs
        - An appendix (if applicable) that is no more than 8 pages
        - Double spacing, 1-inch margins and at least 11-point font are used throughout

Application Process. Completed applications should be submitted electronically (as .pdf files) to the Chair of the 2015 POMS College of Sustainable Operations Student Paper Competition Committee, Professor Vishal Agrawal (Vishal.Agrawal@georgetown.edu). *Please note that eligibility requirements as well as length, format and submission deadline for the application will be strictly enforced.*

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2015 at midnight (EST).

For any questions about the competition, please contact Vishal.Agrawal@georgetown.edu