

## **2nd POMS Applied Research Challenge**

The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) invites submissions to the **2nd POMS Applied Research Challenge**. This bi-annual competition was established as a way to encourage POMS members (faculty and students) to conduct rigorous applied research that is innovative and relevant to practice. The first edition of the competition took place in 2014 and was highly successful (see <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1111/poms.12258>).

The 2nd edition of the competition is underway and for that purpose POMS has formed a Practitioner Judge Panel composed of recognized practice leaders: **Corey Billington** (Founding partner, e3 Associates; former Vice President, HP; University of Wyoming); **Srinivas Bollapragada** (Chief Engineer, GE Global Research; Editor-in-Chief, Interfaces); **Edwin Keh** (CEO, The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel; former COO, Walmart); and **Dino Petrarolo** (CEO, Kayema Energy Solution; Senior Vice President, CCI Inc.). Submissions of any operations-related research topic are welcome but the work must make a convincing case of its relevance to practice. For guidance, the following link has a list of understudied issues that companies are facing and it is based on a series of discussions at the POMS Practice Leaders Forum: <http://www.poms.org/How to Make OM Research More Relevant.pdf>

**Process for entering the 2nd POMS Applied Research Challenge:** Please submit your research article to [POMS.ARC@gmail.com](mailto:POMS.ARC@gmail.com) by **December 15, 2015**. The finalists and the winner will be selected after two review cycles.

1. The first review cycle will be conducted by an academic panel comprising **Felipe Caro** (UCLA, competition chair), **Feryal Erhun** (Stanford), **Srinagesh Gavirneni** (Cornell), and **ManMohan Sodhi** (City University London). This academic panel will select the finalists by February 1, 2016.
2. The finalists will be invited to present at the 2016 POMS Annual Meeting and the Practitioner Judge Panel will select the winner, which will be announced at the conference. All finalists will receive a plaque and an extended abstract of their work will be published in our flagship journal: *Production and Operations Management (POM)*. Note that the extended abstract does not prevent the authors from publishing a full article in *POM* or elsewhere. The first prize is also accompanied by \$2,000 for the authors.

**Selection criteria:** innovative ideas, rigorous analysis (empirical, analytical, or behavioral), managerial insights, implementable ideas, and impact on practice/research.

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