Junior Scholar Paper Development Session 2026

College of Operations in AI, Platforms, and Exponential Technologies (OAPEX)

The POMS College of Operations in AI, Platforms and Exponential Technologies (OAPEX) invites submissions to the 2026 OAPEX Junior Scholar Paper Development Session 2026. We welcome papers related to AI, platforms, and fast-moving technologies and their impact on operations management. The underline deadline for submission is March 8, 2026.

The session is open to all PhD students and assistant professors, and the goal of the session is to provide relevant feedback before the initial submission of a paper to the POM journal. The submissions will be assigned to senior scholars, many of whom are serving editors in the POM journal. During the session at POM 2026 conference, the authors will meet their mentors and get feedback to succeed in the review process.

Eligibility conditions

1. Entrant must have been a student or assistant professor on or after January 1, 2026.
2. The submitted paper must present original research conducted by the entrant.
3. Entrant must be a member of the OAPEX College of POMS on the date of submission (visit the POMS Website for information on how to become a POMS/OAPEX member).
4. Entrant may submit no more than one paper to the competition.
5. As of the date of submission, the paper must not be submitted to the POM journal.

Submission Requirements

The entrant should submit:

1. A cover letter including the names and contact information of all authors. This cover letter should attest that all eligibility conditions are satisfied and be signed by the entrant.
2. The paper in PDF file format, with a length of at most 32 pages excluding the appendix but including tables, figures, and references. The paper can also include an appendix of no more than 8 pages. Thus, the total length of the submission should not exceed 40 pages (if an appendix is included).
3. The file name should follow the format: Entrant first name - short title of the paper.

How to submit

The entrant should send (a) a cover letter, and (b) the paper to **pomsoapex@gmail.com**. Please include "2026 OAPEX paper development session: [paper title]" in the subject line. Complete entries must be received on or before Feb 28, 2026. We will respond to your email confirming the submission has been received. Please allow up to 5 business days for the confirmation. It is the entrant's responsibility to allow appropriate time to enroll as a new member of the OAPEX College (approximately 2-3 business days). Any questions related to the competition should be sent by email to Amit Mehra at amit.mehra@utdallas.edu.

Schedule
Please search for "OAPEX college" to find the scheduled date and time for the session in the POMS 2026 conference program.