Dear Colleagues and PhD students,

The POMS Product Innovation and Technology Management College (PITM) invites submissions to the **2027 PITM Best Student Paper Competition**. We welcome papers related to Innovation, Product and Research Development, and Project and Technology Management.

The first prize is accompanied by a $2,000 honorarium, and the runner-up prize is accompanied by a $1,000 honorarium. The winner and runner-up will be announced **at the 2027 PITM Mini-Conference** on April 22nd, 2027 – immediately preceding the 2027 POMS Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Eligibility Conditions

There are four conditions for eligibility:

1. Entrant must have been a student on or after May 1, 2025, and the research presented in the paper must have been conducted while the entrant was a student.
2. The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the student entrant. Some assistance by other individuals (such as the student's faculty advisor) is permitted, however the entrant's primary research advisor must certify that the student's share of contribution to the paper exceeds 50%.
3. Entrant must be a member of the PITM College of POMS on the date of submission (visit the POMS Website for information on how to become a POMS/PITM member).
4. A student may submit no more than one paper to the competition.

Submission Requirements

A complete entry consists of:

1. A cover letter (in PDF format) completed by the student and stating: a) the entrant's contact information, b) the contact information of the entrant's primary research advisor, c) the paper title and any co-authors, and d) appropriate keywords for the submitted paper.
2. An attestation letter (in PDF format) signed by both the student entrant and the primary research advisor attesting that the entrant and the paper satisfy the eligibility conditions.
3. The paper in completely anonymous form (PDF), at most 32 pages long including tables, figures, and references but excluding the appendix, and strictly compliant with all submission formatting standards of the POM journal (see http://www.poms.org/journal/author_instructions/). The file name should be a short title of the paper.

Entrants should upload their submission through the following Google Form: https://forms.gle/2FUp5HRNKzWEFYTa8.

Complete entries must be received on or before **December 23rd, 2026**. It is the entrant's responsibility to allow for appropriate time to enroll as a new member of the PITM College (approximately 2-3 business days). Any questions related to the competition should be sent by email to MarkouP@darden.virginia.edu and Sina.Khorasani@vanderbilt.edu.

Good luck to all entrants!

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