

Graduate Student Research Paper Competition

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Guidelines

The 23rd National Conference on Rural and Intercity Bus is scheduled for September 30-October 3, 2018 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Student participation is being encouraged by offering students the opportunity to take part in a research paper competition. Two winning student research papers will be awarded and the authors will receive cash prizes and travel funds to attend the conference (U.S. travel only).

Research Paper Winners: 1st place \$1,000 and 2nd place is \$500

Research Paper Competition Rules:

1. Students must attend an accredited U.S. college or university.
2. Students participating must be able to provide proof of their college or university registration.
3. Participation in the competition is voluntary.
4. Research papers submitted must be the work of only one student.
5. A student may only submit one entry.
6. Students may come from any discipline: engineering, economics, business, literature, sociology, medicine, social work, science, etc.
7. The research paper entry must indicate: Students name, email address, School name, Level of student (Masters, Ph.D.), Student's main course of study or major, Student academic advisor
8. Research papers must be double-spaced with one-inch margins using 12-point Times New Roman font. They are not to exceed 2,000 words. They must be submitted in Microsoft WORD format and must include correct citations.
9. The word document files must be saved using the following title format:
2018 RIBTC Research Paper Competition - Student name - School name.
10. The entry must be sent electronically to Del Peterson at (del.peterson@ndsu.edu).
11. The deadline is final. Any file sent after 5 p.m. CT, April 15, 2018 will not be considered.
12. Students will be notified by May 20, 2018, regarding participation in the conference.
13. Students participating in this competition authorize the conference to use all or part of their work during the Conference in the form of quotes or displays. However, the work will be cited to the author and the college/university they attend.
14. Objections will not be accepted in relation to the grading of the entries or selection. Grading will only be communicated to the top two entries.

15. Winners of the competition agree to attend the conference and to participate in sessions by presenting their work. In addition to the cash prize, funds will be provided for winners to travel to the conference (from destinations within the U.S. only).

Students are encouraged to address topics relating to the conference theme. Preference will be given to papers addressing topics related to planning, policy, operations, special topics areas, and/or technology.

Judging Criteria:

All papers will be judged on originality, innovation, practicality, timeliness, and readability.