Best Student Paper Eligibility Guidelines

ARCE 2021 Annual Meeting will be hosted virtually. The Best Student Paper contest will continue virtually. Poster submissions and the Best Student Poster contest will not take place during the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting.

Submissions for Best Student Paper (BSP):

- Students must be current members of ARCE.
- Students must be enrolled in a Master’s or PhD program.
- The number of students competing for the Best Student Poster Competition is limited to one student per Paper.
- Students need not be American citizens or attending American schools.
- Any student who will have defended their dissertation, graduated, or otherwise passed their final institutional requirements for conferral of the doctoral degree prior to the annual conference date, shall be ineligible for consideration in the best student paper or poster competition.
- Submissions need not be part of doctoral research.
- In tandem with abstract submission, students wishing to be considered for BSP must submit an annotated outline (incl. bibliography) and graduate advisor sign-off form to BSP@arce.org. Templates can be found on the website. The deadline for submitting all the additional material is the same as the abstract deadline (January 8, 2021).
- If there are fewer than 3 applicants, only a first prize winner will be selected.
- 10 finalists will be selected to participate in the competition during the Annual Meeting. Preliminary round judging is done by a blind, peer-review process, and of both the abstract and annotated outline. Final selection evaluation is done by a panel of judges after delivery of the papers at the Annual Meeting.

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