



*Institute for Operations Research  
and the Management Sciences*

## Seventh Annual New Jersey Chapter Student Contest

The New Jersey Chapter of INFORMS is sponsoring a contest on the best operations research work by a full-time student who is either (1) a New Jersey resident, or (2) enrolled in a New Jersey college or university.

To enter the contest, submit an extended abstract of your work to the address given below. From the abstracts, up to four finalists will be invited to give a presentation at a fall meeting of the NJ Chapter of INFORMS. All finalists will receive:

- ***Finalists (up to 4 awards) – Certificate in recognition of accomplishment plus \$100.***

At the NJ Chapter meeting, a first place will be awarded based on the presentations. The winner will also receive:

- ***First Place (1 award) – an additional \$500 towards expenses for attending the INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 1-4, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA.***

The purposes of this contest are to recognize the work being done by NJ students, and for the New Jersey Chapter of INFORMS to help sponsor attendance for a student at the National INFORMS meeting. If the first place winner is unable to attend the National Meeting, the NJ Chapter reserves the right to select an alternate from one of the finalists to receive the additional \$500 cash prize.

### Contest Instructions

- Submit an extended abstract, 3 page maximum, of your work by **August 15, 2015**.
- A panel of judges will review the abstracts and select up to 4 finalists.
- The finalists will be notified by September 1.
- The finalists will be expected to present their work at a New Jersey Chapter meeting to be held in September (exact date to be determined.) The presentations will be at a special meeting of the Chapter and will be held at Rutgers University in Piscataway.
- A panel of judges will watch the presentations and announce a winner that night. The winner will be chosen based on:
  - Quality and originality of the work;
  - Relevance to OR and the use of OR methods;
  - Applicability of the research to real-world problems;
  - Clear description in the abstract of the contribution of the work;

- Clear description of the work during the presentation; and,
- Quality of the presentation, including appropriate length.

NOTE: The contest will be determined by the abstract and by the presentation. It is not necessary to submit a full paper.

## Contest Rules

- The work must be by a student or students currently enrolled in an academic institution. Faculty advisors and industry employees may be coauthors, but not the lead author.
- The lead author must either be a resident of New Jersey or enrolled in a New Jersey college or university.
- The work must relate to operations research, either theory or application.
- The work must represent new results (theoretical or application) that have not been previously published. It is acceptable for the work to have been submitted for publication, provided it does not appear in print prior to the contest.
- The abstract must contain the lead author's name, address, phone and e-mail address, and the name of the institution where the student is enrolled. It must also contain the names of all coauthors.
- If selected as a finalist, the presentation at the New Jersey Chapter meeting must be given by a student. If a student author is not available to give the presentation at the New Jersey Chapter of INFORMS meeting, then that paper is disqualified and the Selection Panel reserves the right to select an alternate finalist.
- If the first place winner (either the lead author or a student coauthor) is unable to attend the National INFORMS meeting, then the New Jersey Chapter of INFORMS retains the right to select one of the other finalists to receive the additional cash award. The additional cash award can only be used to cover expenses associated with attending the National INFORMS meeting (registration, transportation, hotel, meals).

## How to enter

Send an extended abstract (maximum of 3 pages), including the name and contact information for the lead author and the names of all coauthors to the address below. Electronic submissions are preferred.

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The New Jersey Chapter reserves the right to suspend the contest if no suitable abstracts are received.