

IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition Rules

These are the official rules ("the Rules") for the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition, a worldwide competition organized and administered jointly by IEEE 802 Executive Committee, and IEEE Standards Education Committee, hereafter "the Organizers".

I. THE COMPETITION

The IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition is a worldwide student competition. Each publication submitted to the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition in accordance with the Rules ("Submission") shall be eligible to compete for one of the prizes noted in the table below. The Awards will be paid in US dollars and no alternative currencies will be available. In addition, the winning Submissions shall be published in accordance with Section VIII (B).

Prize level	Cash Award	Travel Stipend	Meeting fee waived	Hotel room comp	Presentation	Publication
First Prize	\$1000	\$500	✓	✓	✓	✓
Second Prize	\$500	\$500	✓	✓	✓	✓
Third Prize	\$250	\$500	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 th - 10 th place	-	-	✓		✓	

III. ELIGIBILITY

There is no entry fee for the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition.

Authors may register for the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition either individually or as a group of co-authors. In either case, they are referred to in these Rules as the "Authors." Authors must be affiliated with an eligible academic institution of higher education. To be eligible, the academic institution shall not be directly or indirectly controlled or managed by any company or other organisation the principal activities of which are commercial, hereinafter the "Academic Institution."

By making a Submission to the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition, both the Authors and Academic Institutions agree to be bound by these Rules.

On submission, a Lead Author must be designated, who shall be the person with whom the Organizers shall communicate in respect of all matters concerning the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition. The Organizers may, if they so desire, contact any other Authors or the Academic Institution but it is not obliged to do so.

Authors and Academic Institutions may be from any country in the world. Academic Institutions may submit more than one Submission with different Authors.

More than one Submission by the same author will not be considered. All authors or co-authors must be living individuals and 18 years of age or older at the closing date for Submissions. Each winning Submission shall receive only one Award regardless of the number of co-authors, with any cash prize divided equally among the authors.

Directors, officers, trustees, employees, contractors, advisors, and representatives of, and other persons affiliated with, the Organizers and their immediate family members, are not eligible to participate in the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition. An immediate family member is a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of any person referred to in the previous sentence. Persons appointed as judges of the Submission and members of their immediate family, as defined above, are not eligible to participate in the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition.

The Organizers have the exclusive right to determine eligibility as set forth in these Rules.

III. SUBMISSIONS

A. Theme and Style

The goal is to select and publish the best academic Submissions making outstanding contributions towards the understanding, and demonstration of the history, application, or future application of IEEE 802 standards at the national, international or global level.

B. Format

A Submission may be in the format of a paper or case study.

The Submission must have a title and must be prefaced with an abstract “Abstract” of no more than one page A4 size. The Submission, excluding the Abstract, may not exceed 3,500 words of text (not including notes, tables, graphs, charts and bibliography), and should be formatted using a 12 pt type size. Submissions must be in English and must be submitted as a Microsoft® Word document or an Adobe® Acrobat PDF file. Microsoft® Word templates will be available for downloading from the IEEE 802 Student Paper

Competition website <http://www.ieee802.org/> and should always be used. Tables, graphs and charts are permitted so long as they are submitted as part of the text file, not as separate files.

C. No Unlawful Material

Submissions must not contain any content or material which (i) infringes upon or otherwise violates the copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property or proprietary rights of any person or entity, (ii) is defamatory or constitutes an invasion of privacy, (iii) is unlawful, (iv) would reasonably cause harm or injury of any kind to any person or entity, or (v) discriminates against any person or entity in any manner whatsoever. The Organizers can't be in any way held responsible for copyright infringements committed by authors in the context of this competition.

IV. REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION

A. Registration

Authors must complete the Registration Form located on the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition web page which can be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/>. In submitting the Registration Form, the Authors agree to be bound by these Rules. Authors must provide true, accurate and complete information on the Registration Form. For Registrations with more than one author, all of the authors must jointly submit the Registration Form, showing the name, title and contact details of each author. The details of the Academic Institutions must be shown in the Registration Forms.

Completed Registration Forms must be submitted via the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition website at the time of Submission (abstract and full publication) but no later than midnight on 1 March 2016 PST (Pacific Standard Time). The Organizers will issue an electronic acknowledgement of receipt immediately. In case of a technical failure that would result in the non-delivery of a receipt, it is the sole responsibility of the Author to contact the Organizers (802studentpaper@ieee.org) to confirm reception of the submission. The Organizers will not be held responsible for Submissions that were not properly registered. The Organizers also reserve the right to refuse any registration that does not comply with the Rules.

B. Submission

Abstracts and full Submissions may only be sent electronically by email to 802studentpaper@ieee.org from midday on 1 December 2015 PST until Midnight on 1 March 2016 PST. Hard copies, disks, telefaxes or other methods of delivery will not be accepted. Submissions cannot be revised, supplemented or withdrawn after submission.

All Submissions (Abstract and full Publication) must be accompanied by a single fully completed Registration Form as provided on the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition web page. Any Submission not accompanied by a fully completed Registration Form will be disqualified. All Submissions must have permission to refer to and carry the name of the Academic Institution the Author is affiliated with. By submitting the completed Registration Form the Author implicitly confirms that he has sought and obtained permission to refer to the Academic institution in his Submission and agrees to be bound by these Rules.

C. Confirmation

Electronic notifications will be issued as above. In case of a technical failure that would result in the non-delivery of a receipt, it is the sole responsibility of the Author to contact the Organizers (802studentpaper@ieee.org) to confirm reception of the submission. The Organizers will not be held responsible for Submissions that were not properly registered.

Authors and Academic Institutions will not be able to check the status of their Submissions and will receive no other notification until the winning Submissions are announced. Following receipt of the Submissions, the Organizers may contact the Authors and Academic Institutions via e-mail or by telephone to request additional information.

V. COPYRIGHT

A. Originality

By agreeing to these Rules, the Authors and Academic Institutions hereby certify that the Submission is an original work of authorship and there are no third parties that may own the copyright or otherwise have the legal rights to publish and disseminate the Submission or any part thereof. If the Submissions' copyrights are held by other Academic Institutions, the Authors

shall ensure that all necessary permissions have been obtained to ensure full compliance with these Rules.

Submissions which have been previously published in whole or in part are not eligible.

B. Excerpts and Quotations

Each of the Authors and Academic Institutions is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for use of excerpts and quotations from third party works. Excerpts and quotations must be properly credited with footnotes, endnotes and/or a bibliography.

C. General comments

If a copyright infringement relating to a winning Submission is discovered after the Award has been attributed, the Author and Academic Institution commits to reimburse the prize money + indemnities and out-of-pocket costs to the Organizers. Under no circumstances can the Organizers be held responsible for copyright infringements that are committed by the Author or Academic Institution (see also section on [copyright](#) and [indemnification](#))

VI. JUDGING

Submissions complying with these Rules will be considered and reviewed by the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition Judges.

The Judges' decisions will be final and binding on the Authors and Academic Institutions and not subject to challenge or appeal. No correspondence will be entered into. The Judges' decisions will be communicated directly to the winners, via e-mail, announced on the IEEE 802 website <http://www.ieee802.org/> and on July 26, 2016 at the IEEE 802 Plenary meeting in downtown San Diego.

The Organizers reserve the right not to distribute any Award if no Submission is deemed of sufficient merit. The Organizers may change the composition of the Judges at any time and without prior notice or possibility of recourse if circumstances so require.

VII. AWARD-WINNING SUBMISSIONS

A. Notification and Payment

The Organizers will notify each of the winning Authors and Academic Institutions that their Submission has been selected to receive an Award by e-mail according to the information provided in their Registration Form. The Awards will be publicly announced in April 2016 on the IEEE 802 website, <http://www.ieee802.org/> and via other information channels. The Organizers reserve the right to change the dates of the competition, notification and communication as needed. Any changes will be posted on the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition web page on the IEEE 802 website, http://www.ieee802.org. The titles and abstracts of the winning Submissions and the names of the Authors and Academic Institutions will also be posted on the IEEE 802 website.

The Organizers will present the Awards at an Awards Ceremony in July 2016 in San Diego, California, USA, at which one or two representatives for each winning Submission will be invited to attend and receive the respective prize. The Organizers commit to pay a \$500 travel stipend to each of the first, second, and third place winning papers and a complimentary hotel room in San Diego at the time of the IEEE 802 Meeting and Awards Ceremony for each of the winning papers. Only one travel grant (stipend, meeting fee waiver and hotel room) will be granted per paper. The authors shall specify when the paper is submitted which author will be given the travel grant.

B. Publication of Award-Winning Submissions

The Award-winning Submission, together with others considered by the Organizers to be of outstanding merit, will be published on the IEEE 802 website and made available to the wide international membership of the Organizers. Additionally, the Submissions may be distributed and recommended to IEEE magazines, journals, and transactions for worldwide publication.

The Authors and Academic Institutions which have submitted an Award-winning Submission or any other Submission selected by the Organizers for publication, hereby grant to the Organizers, partners, and their successors, assigns and authorised licensees, the non-exclusive royalty-free right and license, for 5 years after the date that the Organizers publicly announce the Awards to publish, reproduce, copy, display and distribute the Submission throughout the world, in whole and in part, in all print, electronic, online, digital, broadcast, and other media, whether now known or hereafter devised.

The licence includes the right to adapt the contents of the Submission for use in lectures or other presentations alone or with other material and to introduce such illustrations, photographs, tables or graphs or the like. Such Authors and Academic Institutions shall retain the copyright in the Submission. The Organizers have no objection and encourage the Authors and Academic Institutions to publish, reproduce, copy, display and distribute the Submission during the licence period; the Organizers request that it receive written notice from the Authors and Academic Institutions whenever a Submission is published during the license period.

C. Publicity of Award-Winning Authors and Academic Institutions

Award-winning Authors and Academic Institutions hereby agree to participate in interviews and other promotional activities in all media upon reasonable notice from the Organizers, for no additional consideration. Award-winning Authors and Academic Institutions hereby grant the Organizers and its partners and their successors, assigns and authorised licensees the right to use the Authors' and Academic Institutions' names, voices and likeness for informational, promotional, publicity, advertising and other purposes in connection with the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition for no additional consideration.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Taxes

All Awards shall be paid in full with no deductions for applicable taxes or withholding. Award-winning Authors and Academic Institutions shall be solely responsible for and shall pay all applicable income and other taxes due as a result of their winning Awards.

B. Release

The Authors and Academic Institutions, and any person or entity claiming through or on behalf of the Authors and Academic Institutions, hereby release the Organizers, partners, and their respective officers, directors, members, trustees, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, judges, affiliates, successors, assigns, and licensees (collectively, "Released Parties") from any and all damages, claims, causes of action, liabilities and expenses relating to

the Authors' and Academic Institutions' participation, or exclusion or disqualification from participation, in the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition.

C. Indemnification

The Authors and Academic Institutions, and any person or entity claiming through or on behalf of the Authors and Academic Institutions, shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all damages, claims, causes of action, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) incurred by the Released Parties arising from the Authors' and/or the Academic Institutions' (i) violation of these Rules, (ii) submission of a Submission for which the Authors and Academic Institutions do not possess the requisite legal or other proprietary rights (in whole or in part) or necessary permissions from third parties, and (iii) participation, or exclusion or disqualification from participation, in the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition.

D. Modifications to IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition

The Organizers reserve the right to shorten, prolong, modify or cancel the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition without having to give any reason or incurring any liability towards any Authors and Academic Institutions.

E. Compliance

Authors and Academic Institutions, hereby warrant that they may, according to all laws, rules and regulations to which that they are subject, enter the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition, and that these Rules do not violate any mandatory provisions of such laws, rules and regulations.

F. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition is governed by the laws of the State of New York, USA. The Authors and Academic Institutions agree that all transactions involving the IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition, the Organizers and the <http://www.ieee802.org/> website (including performance or non-performance of these Rules) shall be deemed to have occurred solely

in the United States of America. The Authors and Academic Institutions hereby agree that the Courts of the United States shall be the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any kind of dispute or litigation between the Authors and Academic Institutions and the Released Parties. The Authors and Academic Institutions specifically consent to personal jurisdiction in the United States of America, and waive any right the Authors and Academic Institutions may have to remove or transfer any case or proceeding to any other jurisdiction, state, or country.

G. Void Where Prohibited

The IEEE 802 Student Paper Competition is void where prohibited by applicable law.