



## 2024 Michael Sutton International Student Paper Competition

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The Society for Experimental Mechanics has sponsored an International Student Paper Competition (ISPC) over the past 33 years. Students representing universities from across the world are competing. Due to the popularity of the competition, the format is updated annually to accommodate a greater number of student participants.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit papers to both the Student Paper Competition and the general call for papers for the Annual Conference technical program, given that the audience for these two talks will likely be different. These two separate submissions can be on a related research topic with some amount of overlap.

If you are interested in participating in this competition, here are the steps you **must** follow:

1. By **November 7, 2023**, you **must** submit the first part of the application, which **must** include the following information:
  - a. Title of proposed paper
  - b. Research Advisor with their email (if applicable) \*\*
  - c. University \*\*
  - d. Indicate Year (example: 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ph.D. student) \*\*
  - e. Graduation Year (example May 2024) \*\*
  - f. Mailing Address \*\*
  - g. Telephone \*\*
  - h. Email \*\*

**\*\*IN PLACE OF AN ABSTRACT, PLEASE LIST THESE ITEMS IN THE ABSTRACT AREA\*\***

If you already have a profile account, please log in and submit per the instructions above. If you **do not** have a profile account, you **must** create one to submit your application. Here is the link to create a new profile account [https://sem.org/assoc\\_subscribe.asp](https://sem.org/assoc_subscribe.asp). If you need help logging in to your account, please contact Shari Matthews at [shari@sem.org](mailto:shari@sem.org). **Please do not create a duplicate profile account; you can only have one within our database.**

**Those students who do not have an account do not wait until the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to create a new account and submit the first part of the application. All new student accounts are only active once student proof is received, and it can take up to 24 hours to activate a new student account. You can find the policy for student proof by clicking here <https://sem.org/faqs#bb>.**

2. By **January 9, 2024**, you **must** complete the second part of the application by uploading a two (2) page extended abstract of your proposed paper via the log-in area on the website (<https://sem.org/>) using your username and password. Under ANNUAL 2024, click on Abstract/Submission Portal. **The two-page (2) extended abstract must be provided as a PDF and uploaded as a zip file. Do not** submit any other files in the zip file, only the PDF. Further instructions regarding preparation of your extended abstract are posted on the SEM website <http://sem.org/annual>.
3. A committee will review all abstracts submitted. You will be notified via e-mail by **March 11, 2024**, if your abstract is accepted for presentation or not. **Only papers accepted for oral presentation will be eligible for prizes.**



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All students presenting in the MSISPC sessions will receive a complimentary registration to the conference and an awards luncheon ticket for the Wednesday, June 5, 2024, All Society Awards Luncheon. Further, if your paper is selected for the (oral) paper competition, you will receive a \$200 stipend to help defray travel expenses. Additional funding to support the total costs of attending the conference (transportation, lodging, meals, etc.) must be provided by you or your university.

If you are a full-time student and are working on a project, thesis, or dissertation study that is at a point that some phase of it can be presented by June 2024, I sincerely encourage you to submit an entry to the MSISPC. You will find that these competitions are a very rewarding experience as well as beneficial to further developing your technical communication skills and long-term career goals.

If you have **any** questions, please contact Shari Matthews at SEM (203)790-6373 x105 or email: [shari@sem.org](mailto:shari@sem.org).

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SEM Past President and  
Chairman of the Michael Sutton International Student Paper Competition