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## 2018 SEM International Student Paper Competition

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The Society for Experimental Mechanics has sponsored an International Student Paper Competition (ISPC) over the past 27 years. Students representing universities from across the United States as well as overseas have competed. The popularity of this competition has grown to the point that in recent years we have been unable to accept many worthy submittals due to space restrictions. Therefore the format has been revised to accommodate a greater number of student participants. If you are interested in participating in this competition, here are the steps to follow:

1. By **November 1, 2017**, create a profile account to submit your application. If you already have a profile account then please log in and submit.

The following information must be included:

- a. Title of proposed paper
- b. Research Advisor with his/her email (if applicable)\*
- c. University\*
- d. Class\*
- e. Mailing Address\*
- f. Telephone\*
- g. Email

**\*in lieu of an abstract please list these items in the abstract area**

2. By **January 3, 2018** you must upload a two (2) page extended abstract of your proposed paper via the login area on the website using your profile email and username. Further instructions regarding preparation of your 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 7, 2018** if your abstract is accepted for presentation or not. **Only papers accepted for oral presentation will be eligible for prizes.**

Please note that submission to the student paper competition cannot be the same paper you submitted to the general conference technical program they **must be different**.

Further instructions regarding preparation for the oral paper competition sessions will be posted on the SEM website.

All students participating in the ISPC sessions will receive complimentary registration to the conference and an awards luncheon ticket for the Wednesday, June 6, 2018 All Society Awards Luncheon. Further, if your paper is selected for the (oral) paper competition, you will also 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 by 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 2018, I sincerely encourage you to submit an entry to the ISPC sessions. 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 concerning the ISPC sessions, please do not hesitate to contact SEM at: [shari@sem1.com](mailto:shari@sem1.com), or [jen@sem1.com](mailto:jen@sem1.com).

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