



21st National Conference on Rural Public & Intercity Bus Transportation

October 26 - 29, 2014
Monterey, California

Rural and Intercity Bus Student Research Paper Competition *Setting Our Course for the Future*

Guidelines for the Student Research Paper Competition

The 21st National Conference on Rural and Intercity Bus is scheduled for October 26-29, 2014 in Monterey, California. Student participation is being encouraged by offering students the opportunity to take part in a research paper competition. Two winning student research papers will be awarded and the authors will receive cash prizes and travel funds to attend the conference.

Research Paper Winners: 1st place \$1,000 and 2nd place is \$500

Research Paper Competition Rules:

1. Students must attend an accredited college or university.
2. Students participating must be able to provide proof of their college or university registration.
3. Participation in the competition is voluntary.
4. Research papers submitted must be the work of only one student.
5. A student may only submit one entry.
6. Students may come from any discipline: engineering, economics, business, literature, sociology, medicine, social work, science, etc.
7. The research paper entry must indicate:
 - Students name, email address
 - School name
 - Level of student (Masters, Ph.D.)
 - Student's main course of study or major
 - Student's academic advisor
8. Research papers must be double-spaced with one-inch margins using 12-point Times New Roman font. They are not to exceed 2,000 words. They must be submitted in Microsoft WORD format and must include correct citations.
9. The word document files must be saved using the following title format:

2014 RIBTC Research Paper Competition – Student name – School name.

10. The entry must be sent electronically to either Del Peterson at (del.peterson@ndsu.edu) or Pat Weaver (weaver@ku.edu).

11. The deadline is final. Any file sent after 5 p.m. CT, March 7, 2014 will not be considered.
12. Students will be notified by March 31, 2014, regarding participation in the conference.
13. Students participating in this competition authorize the conference to use all or part of their work during the Conference in the form of quotes or displays. However, the work will be cited to the author and the college/university they attend.
14. Objections will not be accepted in relation to the grading of the entries or selection. Grading will only be communicated to the top two entries.
15. Winners of the competition agree to attend the conference and to participate in sessions by presenting their work. **Conference registration and travel expenses will be provided to attend the conference.**

Students are encouraged to address topics relating to the conference theme: "Setting Our Course for the Future." Preference will be given to papers addressing topics related to planning, policy, operations, special topics areas, and/or technology.

Judging Criteria: All papers will be judged on originality, innovation, practicality, timeliness, and readability.