



ASM STUDENT PAPER CONTEST

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

The ASM Student Paper Contest was established in 1985, as a mechanism for student participation in Society affairs. The award recognizes the best technical paper with a graduate or undergraduate student as first author that is published in an ASM-owned or co-owned journal during the year. The contest and associated award will be announced in the January issue of ASM News and will be communicated to colleges and universities in January each year.

It is ASM's commitment to be inclusive and mindful of diversity in our policies, programs, courses, awards, and interactions with others. As an organization, we affirm and encourage nominations of qualified candidates, within each award's criteria, regardless of their age, culture, ethnic origin, gender, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

II. RULES

- A. Entrant must be a Material Advantage member in good standing and enrolled as a student at a school or university offering courses in the field of materials science or engineering.
- B. For multi-author papers, the student must be first author.
- C. All entries must be submitted to the ASM Headquarters not later than April 1st of the year prior to that in which the award is to be presented. All entrants will be advised of the status of their submission (including the author selected to receive the award) by July 1st of the year preceding presentation of the award.
- D. A statement from a faculty member must be submitted with the paper, certifying that the student author performed the research on which the paper is based, performed the normal functions of a lead author, and was enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at the time the paper was submitted for publication. Students will be eligible to enter this contest not more than one year after receiving their degree and not more than one year after the paper has been accepted for publication.
- E. All papers submitted must be written in English.
- F. At the time of submission for this award, the paper must be published or accepted for publication in an ASM-owned or co-owned journal (such as but not restricted to Metallurgical and Materials Transactions).
- G. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

The award shall consist of a certificate, a \$500 cash prize, and up to \$500 toward expenses to attend IMAT. It is the desire of the members of the Board of Trustees to present the award personally during IMAT and it is a condition of acceptance that the recipient be present at the Leadership Awards Luncheon for appropriate recognition. A full set of ASM Handbooks or an on-line subscription to the ASM Handbooks will be presented to the school or student chapter of winning entry.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

1. Individual members and the chair of the Award Selection Committee shall be selected and appointed by the Awards Policy Committee.

B. Composition and Tenure

1. The Committee shall be made up of a balance of individuals from industrial and/or government research, and academic organizations, which are familiar with technical research publications.
2. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five members.
3. The tenure for members of the Committee shall be three years, on a rotating basis with no more than one-third of the members replaced in any one year.

C. Report of the Selection Committee

1. The Committee shall review and evaluate the papers submitted by eligible authors during the year preceding that in which the award is to be made. Based on this review, the Committee shall determine the best paper and shall, by June 1st, one year preceding that in which the award is to be made, submit to the Awards Policy Committee their report, naming the recipient of the award for that year, and indicating the title of the paper and its publication information.
2. The Selection Committee Chair will be furnished with a Board Report Form which, when completed, provides a reporting mechanism for the above requirements and should be a part of the report to the Awards Policy committee.