12ᵗʰ CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEST COMMISSION

Best Student Paper Awards

The Chair of Local Organising Committee, Prof. Samuel Greiff, and the Chair of the Scientific Committee, Dr Philipp Sonnleitner, is pleased to announce the opening of the applications for the Best Student Paper Awards for the 12ᵗʰ Conference of the International Test Commission.

The **Best Student Paper Awards** will be presented to **two** emerging scholars who:

1. are currently undergraduate (Bachelor) or graduate (Master or PhD) students. (Please note that applications from Postdocs will not be considered).

2. have their proposal accepted by the review committee of the 12ᵗʰ Conference of the ITC in any format (i.e., paper, poster or part of a symposium); and

3. have submitted their full paper to the Best Student Paper Awards Adjudication Committee of the 12ᵗʰ Conference of the ITC by **17 April 2020.**

Given that the purpose of the award is to help cover the costs associated with travelling to the ITC conference and to encourage active participation of graduate students within the ITC community, the awardee is required to present his/her paper or poster at the conference.

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What does the award include?

- Waiver of conference registration fee
- Monetary prize of 450€
- ITC Best Student Paper Award certificate

What are the requirements for the paper?

The paper should present original, theoretically and/or empirically motivated research in any of the following areas: educational testing and assessment, psychological testing and assessment, testing for employment and credentialing, and testing for program evaluation and public policy. The paper should also ideally be related to one of the conference subthemes: Test development and validation in international and multicultural environments; Innovations and advances in psychometric theory, modelling and technologies; Current issues of policy, diversity and equity; Best practices in testing and assessment; and Test security and privacy in a globalized digital world. Please note that previously presented and/published papers are not eligible for the awards.

All papers must be written in English. Paper must be in APA style (double-spaced, one-inch margins, 12 pt **font** in **Times New Roman), 5,000 – 8,000 words and include** a title page, running head, and a 100–120 word abstract, and 3–5 keywords. Please refer to the 'APA Publication Manual' (sixth edition) when preparing your paper.

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Please note that the submission needs to be a fully developed paper, even if the submission was accepted for the conference for the poster format. The paper must be original work completed by the student as either single or first author. If the award is given to a co-authored paper, the award certificate will name the lead/presenting author as the award winner, but also acknowledge all the co-authors' names.

When is the submission deadline?

Paper should be submitted to the Head of the Best Student Paper Awards Adjudication Committee, Dr Philipp Sonnleitner, at itc.2020conference@uni.lu **no later than 17 April 2020.** You may choose to submit your full paper as a single Word or PDF file. To be eligible for consideration, you should also submit a copy of proof of registration as an undergraduate/graduate student.

All submitted papers for the Best Student Paper Awards will be judged by the adjudication committee members using the following assessment criteria: relevance to the themes of the conference, originality and significance of research, currency of literature, methodological rigor, and quality of the writing. **Two** winners will be selected.

Awardees will be notified by **8 May 2020** prior to the conference and will receive their award and certificate at the conference.

For any queries, please contact Dr Philipp Sonnleitner at itc.2020conference@uni.lu.

Best wishes from Luxembourg,

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