

The POMS College of Behavior in Operations Management (CBOM) invites submissions to the **2018 CBOM Mini-Conference** and the **2018 CBOM Junior Scholar Paper Competition**. We welcome papers in the domain of behavioral operations management.

The first prize in the Junior Scholar Paper Competition is recognized with a plaque and accompanied by a \$500 honorarium. The runner-up prize is recognized with a plaque and accompanied by a \$300 honorarium. The honorable mention is recognized with a plaque. The winners will be announced **at the 2018 CBOM Mini-Conference** scheduled for May 3, 2018 – immediately preceding the 2018 POMS Annual Conference in Houston.

In addition, the finalists of the junior scholar paper competition and the papers selected for the Mini-Conference will be considered for travel grants of up to \$500 per paper.

Eligibility Conditions

There are four conditions for eligibility for **the Junior Scholar Paper Competition**:

1. To be considered for the Junior Scholar Competition, the entrant must have completed PhD on or after Jan 1, 2016 or be a student currently enrolled in a PhD program.
2. The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the junior scholar entrant. Some assistance by other individuals (such as the student's faculty advisor) is permitted, however the entrant's primary research advisor must certify that the junior scholar's share of contribution to the paper exceeds 50%.
3. Entrant must be a member of the CBOM College of POMS on the date of submission (visit the POMS Website for information on how to become a POMS/CBOM member).
4. A junior scholar may submit no more than one paper to the competition.

There are no eligibility restrictions for a submission to the **Mini-Conference**.

Paper and Award Recipients' Selection

The papers for the Mini-Conference and the Junior Scholar Competition award recipients will be selected by a three-person Awards Committee, which consists of the Chair and two members. To inform its opinion, the Committee will seek up to three referee reports for each submission. The referees will be selected to minimize the conflict of interest with the authors, and will include other CBOM members and/or researchers in this domain. To the extent possible, anonymous referee comments will be returned for each submission.

If a submission has a substantial conflict of interest with a member of the awards committee, the other committee members will primarily handle the entry, assign referees and evaluate the submission. Should the submission be recommended as a finalist by the remaining two committee members, the CBOM President (or designee) will assist in evaluating and/or ranking the finalists.

The 2018 Awards Committee consists of:

1. Tony Cui, Chair
2. Kyle Hyndman
3. Nikolay Osadchiy

Submission Requirements:

A complete entry consists of:

1. A cover letter including:
 - a. Names and contact information of all authors;
 - b. Names and contact information of 3 referees with whom the authors have no conflict of interests;
 - c. Whether the paper should be considered for the Junior Scholar Paper Competition, and the names of the scholar and the scholar's primary advisor.
2. The paper in completely anonymous form and PDF file format, with a length of at most 32 pages excluding the appendix but including tables, figures, and references, and compliant with all submission formatting standards of the POM journal as described at http://www.poms.org/journal/author_instructions/. The paper must include all material necessary for judges to assess its technical correctness, possibly included in an appendix of no more than 8 pages. The file name should be the short title of the paper.
3. An electronic pdf file of a letter signed by both a faculty adviser and the entrant attesting that the entrant and the paper satisfy the eligibility conditions (if the paper is submitted to the Junior Scholar Paper Competition).

The above three documents should be sent by the entrant via email to: cbom2018@gmail.com

Please include "2018 CBOM Mini-Conference: [the paper title]" or "2018 CBOM Paper Competition: [the paper title]" in the subject line of the email.

All papers submitted to the Junior Scholar Paper Competition are automatically considered for the Mini-Conference, and all submissions for the Mini-Conference are automatically considered for the BOM track at the general POMS meeting.

Complete entries must be received on or before **December 31, 2017**. It is the entrant's responsibility to allow for an appropriate time to enroll as a new member of the CBOM College (approximately 2-3 business days). Any questions related to the competition should be sent by email to nikolay.osadchiy@emory.edu

Good luck to all entrants!

John Aloysius
Tony Cui
Kyle Hyndman
Nikolay Osadchiy