The College of Supply Chain Management of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) announces its 2018 Best Student Paper Competition. Each submitted paper will be judged based on its contribution towards the advancement of theory and practice of supply chain management. The first prize is accompanied by a $600 honorarium, the second prize is accompanied by a $300 honorarium, and all papers receiving an honorable mention receive a $100 honorarium. Three to six finalists will be selected and invited to present their paper in a special session at the POMS 29th Annual Conference in Houston, Texas, May 4-7, 2018. Each finalist will be awarded up to $500 of travel support for out-of-pocket expenses and registration fee for the conference. All prizes will be awarded during the conference at the POMS Supply Chain Management College Meeting.

Conditions for eligibility:

- Entrant must have been a student on or after January 1, 2018, and the research must have been conducted while the entrant was a student.
- Only one paper can be submitted by an entrant.
- The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the entrant. Collaboration with other individuals (such as the entrant’s faculty advisor or other students) is permitted as long as the entrant is the “first author” on the paper in principle. The entrant’s research advisor must certify that the entrant’s contribution to the paper exceeds 50%.
- The topic of the paper should fall within the scope of supply chain management. For a more detailed description, please see the list of topics below, or go to [http://www.poms.org/journal/departments/](http://www.poms.org/journal/departments/).
- The submitted paper can be a working paper, under review for journal publication, accepted for journal publication, or already published in a journal.

The entrant should submit the following three items to: POMSCC18@gmail.com by January 7, 2018

1. A cover document including
   - the entrant’s name, Ph.D. institution, current affiliation (if different), address, email address, telephone number;
   - the name and email address of the entrant’s advisor;
   - the title of the paper, the complete list of authors, its topic, and the methodologies used.

The entrant should select topics (no more than three) from the following list: Inventory management; Supply chain coordination; Integrated supply chain planning; Sourcing relationships and strategy; Supply chain design and facility location; Organization of the supply chain function; Managing product variety in supply chains; Coordination of product and supply chain design; The role of
information technology in supply chain coordination; Logistics, order fulfillment and distribution; Supply chain risk management; Channel management; Other (please specify).

The entrant should also select appropriate methodologies (no more than three) from the following list: Auctions, Combinatorial optimization, Control theory, Cooperative games, Discrete optimization, Dynamic programming, Empirical models, Inventory models, Linear programming, Non-cooperative games, Nonlinear programming, Probabilistic models, Simulation, Stochastic Processes, Behavioral experiments, Other (please specify).

2. A cover letter from the advisor, including a statement that the entrant has met all eligibility requirements.

3. The paper in PDF, with at most 32 pages (including all references and appendices) in standard format (1” margins, double-spaced, 11 point font). Author names should not appear on the paper. Papers exceeding the page limit will be returned without review. The file name should be the short title of the paper.

Please refer any questions to the Chair of the POMS College of Supply Chain Management 2018 Best Student Paper Competition:

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