**Best Paper Competition**

**College of Healthcare Operations Management**

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The College of Healthcare Operations Management (CHOM) of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) announces the 2024 Best Paper Competition (submission deadline: **January 5, 2024**). This annual competition recognizes outstanding papers in the field of Healthcare Operations Management. Each paper submitted will be judged on its contribution to the advancement of the theory and practice of Healthcare Operations Management. All research methods are encouraged, including analytical modeling, data science and artificial intelligence, empirical methods, laboratory experiments, and field/case studies.

# Eligibility Criteria

* Entrants must be a member of the CHOM on the date of submission (visit the POMS Website for information on how to become a POMS/CHOM member)
* Entrants must have a commitment that one of the authors (ideally the submitting author) will present the paper at a special session at the upcoming POMS Annual Meeting if the paper is selected as a finalist.
* The submitted paper must present original research conducted primarily by the entrants following the POMS rules for conference submissions (i.e., the paper cannot be published or be currently accepted for publication).
* The paper should not have been submitted to another POMS college’s Best Paper competition during the 2024-2025 academic year.
* One submission per entrant only to ensure equal opportunities for all entrants. Authorship overlap will be evaluated at the discretion of the CHOM executive committee.

# Submission Requirements

1. A cover letter (in PDF format) completed by the entrant and stating: a) title of the paper, b) list of authors, affiliations, mailing addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers, c) appropriate keywords and a summary of the topic and methodologies for the submitted paper, and d) the commitment of one of the authors (ideally the submitting author) to present the paper at a special section at the upcoming POMS Annual Meeting if the paper is selected as a finalist. The file should be named as “LastName\_FirstName\_letter.”
2. The paper as a single PDF file with a maximum of 32 pages (including tables, figures, and references but excluding the appendix) in standard format (1” margins, double-spaced, 11-point font). Author names should not appear on the paper. Papers that exceed the page limit will be returned without review. The file name should be “LastName\_FirstName\_paper.” The file size should not exceed 10 MB.

Entrants should send their submission containing the above two documents to Tinglong Dai (Johns Hopkins) and David Ding (Rutgers) through the following link by **January 5, 2024**, 11:59 PM (Eastern US Time): <https://forms.gle/EEesBYSvfqJVVBbP8>

# Selection Procedure

Upon receiving the submission, the paper will be processed through the following procedure:

1. All papers will go through the screening process to check for the eligibility and anonymity. Papers do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from the competition.
2. All papers past the screening process will be sent to at least three reviewers for evaluation on four aspects: (1) Importance of the topic; (2) Theoretical and managerial insights; (3) The rigors of methodology and analysis; and (4) Presentation /clarity of the paper.
3. Between three and five finalists will be chosen, and their presentations will be scheduled in the “CHOM Best Papers Presentation” session at the 2024 Annual POMS conference.
4. The first prize and runner-up prize will be announced during 2024 CHOM Business Meeting during the POMS conference. The first prize is accompanied by a $500 honorarium, and the runner-up prize by a $250 honorarium.