

2011 Production and Operations Management Society College of Sustainable Operations Ph.D. Proposal Award Competition

Call for Applications

The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) College of Sustainable Operations invites applications to the *Ph.D. Proposal Award Competition*. The aim of the College of Sustainable Operations is to foster the creation and dissemination of knowledge to improve our understanding of the issues at the interface between sustainability and operations. The Ph.D. Proposal Award Competition was started in 2010 to highlight the most promising Ph.D. research projects in the field of sustainable operations and provide visibility to the doctoral students carrying out these initiatives.

The applications will be judged by the Award Committee and up to four finalists will be selected. The proposals submitted for the competition will be evaluated based on the importance of the topic, the significance of the potential research contribution, and appropriateness of the research approach. Up to two awards (a first place award and a runner-up award) may be given upon recommendation of the Award Committee. For the 2011 competition, first place carries a cash award of \$1000 and the runner-up \$100. Winners will be announced at the 22nd Annual POMS Conference in Reno, Nevada, where all finalists will present their research at a special session in the *Ethical and Sustainable Operations* track.

Eligibility Requirements. There are two conditions to be eligible as an applicant for the competition:

1. An applicant must be a Ph.D. student at a university and must not have yet defended his/her Ph.D. proposal on or before May 2011.
2. The applicant must not be graduating on or before August 2012.

Application Process. The completed applications should be submitted electronically (as .pdf files). The submission deadline for the 2011 POMS College on Sustainable Operations Ph.D. Proposal Award Competition is *March 11, 2011 at midnight (EST)*. A complete application includes two main components:

1. A cover document including:
 - a) The Ph.D. student's name, current affiliation, e-mail address and phone number. This information must not appear anywhere else.
 - b) The title of the proposal.
 - c) A statement that all eligibility requirements have been met that is signed by the Ph.D. student and his/her Ph.D. supervisor.
2. A main document including:
 - a) A separate title page with a summary with no more than 300 words.
 - b) The proposal (12 point font, 1.15 spacing, 1 inch margins, 5 pages or less including tables and figures but excluding references).

Contact. For more information please contact the Chair of the 2011 POMS College of Sustainable Operations Ph.D. Proposal Competition Award Committee Dr. Elif Akcali from the University of Florida at akcali@ise.ufl.edu.

Please note that eligibility requirements as well as length, format and submission deadline for the application will be strictly enforced.