



## **Sport Entertainment & Venues Tomorrow Conference**

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### **Best Student Research Paper Competition**

The Sport Entertainment & Venues Tomorrow conference is pleased to announce the inaugural Best Student Research Paper Competition. This competition will highlight impactful research conducted by young scholars integrating theory and practice in sport and entertainment management. All abstracts submitted for presentation by current students at the 2018 SEVT Conference will be considered for entrance into this competition. For competition rules and prizes please see below.

#### **Best Student Research Paper Prize**

The winner of the 2018 SEVT Student Research Paper Competition will receive:

- \$300 Honorarium
- Free Registration to Future SEVT Conference

#### **Research Paper Categories:**

Extended abstracts and papers will be categorized by topic(s) and may include, but are not limited to, the following areas of sport and/or entertainment:

- Economics and Finance
- Public Funding for Venues
- Marketing, Advertising and Promotion
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Ticketing and Guest Services
- Facility Management
- Event Management and Production
- Technology
- Legal Issues
- Risk Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Diversity
- Sustainability
- Philanthropic

## **Student Research Paper Competition Rules:**

### **1. Abstract Phase**

Student authors submit abstracts through the general submission process (see the SEVT Conference Call for Papers)

### **2. Short Paper Phase**

After all abstracts are evaluated a limited number of abstracts will be invited to provide a short paper for review (details will be provided). Referees will review each short paper and score them based on the criteria below:

**Novelty:** Does the research provide new insight or add an element to existing knowledge?

**Methodology:** Is the research design and analyses appropriate and rigorous?

**Theoretical Implications:** Do the findings advance current theory in sport and entertainment management?

**Practical Application:** What are the implications of the finding for practitioners?

3. Advisors can be included on the student abstract submission. However, only the student winner will receive the prize. Additionally, the student must be lead author and must have completed the majority of the work on his/her own with limited guidance from advisors. Advisors must complete the authorship declaration that will be provided when finalists are selected.
4. This is a solo-author competition. Only one student (along with advisors) can be included on each submission.

## **General Abstract Submission Deadline**

All abstracts must be received by Friday, December 1, 2017 (11:59 PM EST).

## **Short Paper Submission Deadline**

Student research paper finalists will be notified by Friday, January 5 and short paper submissions will be due Friday, February 9. The student research paper competition winner will be notified on Friday, February 23.

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