

## CALL for NOMINATIONS

### INFORMS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS for TRAVEL to ANNUAL MEETING 2018

INFORMS is pleased to announce scholarships to be awarded to undergraduate students to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. This new scholarship program aims to foster the professional pipeline of operations researchers and analytics researchers by providing undergraduate students an opportunity to experience the academic profession and professional development by attending the INFORMS Annual Meeting. In turn, this will help faculty to attract talented undergraduates into the academic profession. Scholarships will provide travel reimbursements up to \$1,000 including conference registration to individual undergraduate students. The awardees will be provided with a schedule to enjoy and learn from the conference with some specific activities from the following list:

- Interaction with volunteer senior graduate students as ambassadors of graduate programs
- Attending select doctoral colloquium sessions
- Attending new member breakfast
- Receptions INFORMS Connect/welcome etc.
- Meeting/introductions with INFORMS Board members
- Meetings with INFORMS Staff on the organization
- Attending plenaries and meeting with plenary speakers
- Attending selected talks/posters, and tutorials with ambassador graduate students
- Coffee with a member program
- Attending the breakfast for student chapters
- JFIG lunch, WORMS lunch, MIF reception
- Attending communities meetings
- Attending to receptions sponsored by universities

#### Eligibility

- Be in junior or senior standing at the time of the Annual Meeting, November 4-7, 2018.
- Have an overall GPA equivalent to 3.50 or better on a 4.0 system.

#### Submission and Selection

Nominators should submit their official **nomination letter** (item 1 below in the Application Materials box) as a pdf file **named as “Nom-Lastname-Firstname-University.pdf”**

Students should submit their **application materials** (items 2-5 below in the Application Materials box) as a single pdf file **named as “App-Lastname-Firstname-University.pdf”**

Both submissions must be made separately via email to [uster@smu.edu](mailto:uster@smu.edu) by also including the **Lastname-FirstName** of the applicant **in the subject line** before August 3, 2018. INFORMS Scholarships Committee will evaluate and select the scholarship recipients. The committee includes

Halit Uster (chair), Southern Methodist University  
Julie Ivy, North Carolina State University  
Elisa Long, University of California - Los Angeles  
Vicki Sauter, University of Missouri – St. Louis  
Steven Shechter, University of British Columbia

# INFORMS Student Travel Scholarship Application

Deadline for submission: August 3, 2018

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the INFORMS Student Chapter? (if your university has one): \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Materials Needed

- (1) Letters of nomination from the student's department chair and/or a faculty member who is familiar with student's academic progress and interests. (to be submitted separately by the nominator/recommender, please see above)
- (2) This cover page
- (3) An up to date one-page resume
- (4) A current transcript
- (5) Essay: A 1-2 page personal statement detailing the student's interest in Operations Research, Management Science and/or Data Analytics. Please discuss how attending the INFORMS Annual Meeting might contribute to your future plans to attend graduate school at the masters or doctoral level.