

## Call for Submissions

### INFORMS Technology, Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship Section

#### 2018 INFORMS TIMES Best Working Paper Award Competition

#### Sponsored by Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Business

The Technology, Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship Section (TIMES) of INFORMS invites submissions for its inaugural 2018 INFORMS TIMES Best Working Paper Award Competition sponsored by Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Business. The goal of this competition is to promote the most recent advances in the area of technology management, product/process innovation, business model innovation, new product development, and entrepreneurship.

The award winners will receive a monetary award and be presented with a plaque at the TIMES business meeting, which will take place at the INFORMS annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 04-07, 2018. Thanks to the generous sponsorship by the Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Business, the following cash prizes will be offered to the award winners:

- First Prize: \$1,000
- Second Prize: \$500

Each submission will be judged by a panel of domain experts, based on the novelty and innovativeness of the paper's contribution and its potential impact on the theory and practice of technology management, innovation management and entrepreneurship. The award committee is chaired jointly by Zhijian Cui (TIMES Chair) and Jochen Schlapp (TIMES Board Member).

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- A submission must be broadly related to the subject of technology management, product/process innovation, business model innovation, new product development or entrepreneurship.
- As of the date of submission the paper must **not** be accepted for publication.
- The format of the submission must follow closely the manuscript preparation guidelines of M&SOM journal as detailed at <https://pubsonline.informs.org/page/msom/submission-guidelines>.
- The submitting author must be a member of the INFORMS TIMES section. If unsure how to join, please see <http://connect.informs.org/times/home>. An author can serve as the submitting author for only one working paper.
- The submitted paper must be presented at the 2018 INFORMS Annual meeting in either the Technology, Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship cluster or the New Product Development cluster.

#### Submission Procedure:

Please send your submission in a single email to Professor Jochen Schlapp at [WPAward2018Times@gmail.com](mailto:WPAward2018Times@gmail.com) with the subject heading "Submitting author, title of the working paper". A complete submission must include the following two documents:

1. A cover page in PDF format with author identifying information including (a) the title of the working paper, (b) the names of all authors, their email addresses and affiliations, and (c) a statement that the submitted paper has not been accepted for publication in an academic journal.
2. A blinded PDF copy of the working paper with all Appendices, Tables, Figures, etc. closely adhering to the manuscript preparation guidelines of M&SOM journal.

Please use filenames reflecting the short title of the paper.

**Submission Deadline: May 31, 2018.**

Any question(s) related to the competition should be sent by email to Jochen Schlapp at [jschlapp@bwl.uni-mannheim.de](mailto:jschlapp@bwl.uni-mannheim.de).

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