CALL for NOMINATIONS

INFORMS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS for TRAVEL to ANNUAL MEETING 2019

INFORMS is pleased to announce scholarships to be awarded to undergraduate students to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. This scholarship program aims to foster the professional pipeline of operations research, management science, and analytics researchers by providing undergraduate students an opportunity to experience the academic profession and professional development by attending the INFORMS Annual Meeting. Scholarships will provide travel and registration reimbursements up to $1,250.

We encourage faculty nominations and applications from undergraduate students across a variety of quantitative disciplines, including (but not limited to): mathematics, engineering, computer science, statistics, business, and economics. This scholarship is aimed at two types of undergraduate students: 1) those already engaged in operations research and management science studies and/or research projects, and 2) those who have had little to no training in traditional OR/MS courses, but are highly considering pursuing graduate studies in this area (example: third year undergrad math major who is now considering what to do after graduating).

The awardees will be provided with a suggested schedule to help enjoy and learn from the conference. Specific activities may include:

Meeting with ambassador graduate students

Meetings with committee members and INFORMS Staff

Attending plenaries, selected talks/posters, and tutorials

Attending new member breakfast

Attending INFORMS Welcome Reception

Attending INFORMS society meetings and university-sponsored receptions

Eligibility
- Be in junior or senior standing at the time of the Annual Meeting, October 20-23, 2019.
- Have an overall GPA equivalent to 3.25 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 **"Nom-Lastname-Firstname.pdf"** (using student's first and last name). Please put "Nom INFORMS Scholarship" in the subject heading of the e-mail.

Students should submit their **application materials** (items 2-5 below in the Application Materials box) as a single pdf file named **"App-Lastname-Firstname.pdf".** Please put "App INFORMS Scholarship" in the subject heading of the e-mail.

Both submissions should be made separately via email to awards@informs.org by July 1, 2019.

The INFORMS Scholarships Committee (listed below) will evaluate and select the scholarship recipients.

Steven Shechter (Chair), University of British Columbia
Matthew Bailey, Bucknell University
Julie Ivy, North Carolina State University
Elisa Long, University of California-Los Angeles
Halit Uster, Southern Methodist University
Melissa Bowers (ex officio), University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Susan Martonosi (ex officio), Harvey Mudd

INFORMS Student Travel Scholarship Application

Deadline for submission: July 1, 2019

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Email: _____

University: _____

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Current Major: _____

Have you ever attended an INFORMS conference before (if so, which one)? _____

_____

Application Materials Needed

From the nominator:

(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).

From the student:

(2)	This cover page

(3)	An up-to-date 1-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 this scholarship will help you attend the INFORMS Annual Meeting, as well as how the meeting might contribute to your future plans to attend graduate school.