

Call for Participation: QSR Student Introduction and Interaction Session & Best Student Poster Competition at INFORMS 2020 **(Deadline Extended to Sep. 15)**

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INFORMS Annual Meeting 2020

November 8-11, 2020, National Harbor, MD

<http://meetings2.informs.org/wordpress/nationalharbor2020/>

The Quality, Statistics, and Reliability (QSR) cluster of Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS) is inviting QSR student members to participate in the **Student Introduction and Interaction session** and the **Best Student Poster Competition** at INFORMS Annual Meeting 2020. The session is one of QSR's very own and has been successfully organized in the last few years to help bring PhD students into the spotlight to showcase their research through a brief elevator speech and a poster presentation, and then benefit from the advice of prominent QSR faculty, in a mini panel discussion on how to land academic positions, navigate academic life, research and teaching, etc.

1. The Virtual Sessions

Student Introduction and Interaction Session: The Student Introduction and Interaction Session is designed for QSR student members to build their professional network, show up their talents, and learn from invited guests. In this session, each student will be given two minutes to deliver an elevator speech about his/her research interests and accomplishments; Senior QSR members, junior faculty members, and industry guests are invited to interact with all attendees.

Best Student Poster Competition: Students will also prepare poster presentations to have better exposure. A winner will be selected by a panel of judges, announced at the QSR business meeting, and awarded a certificate.

In light of the conference going virtually, the session organizers are currently discussing the possibility of combining the two sessions into one, wherein each student will be first given 2 minutes for an elevator pitch, and then another 5 minutes for a poster presentation. More details will be distributed soon by the organizers to the registered participants.

A printed brochure will be prepared which includes all speakers' bio and posters; the brochures will be distributed to all attendees and among the QSR community for publicity and exposure. Invitations to this session will be sent to department chairs and employers that have interests in recruiting QSR students.

2. Registration

Participation in these two sessions is free of charge. Number of participants is capped at 10 student speakers due to limited capacity. Students who are on job market and/or have poster presentations will be given higher priority. If interested, please use the following link to register before September 15th, 2020:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeH0Wq9N0prW0HOO0yNnci7dGY9nuy8967gcmnMAnbwtmsdpg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Prior to the conference, selected students will be notified and asked to submit the poster and a high-resolution self-portrait photo electronically. The photo and poster will be included in the session brochure for maximal visibility.

Best Regards, Session Co-chairs:

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