

INFORMS Public Sector Operations Research 2021 Best Paper Award Call for Submissions

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Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, a complete entry must be submitted by July 4th, 2021 (11:59 PM EST) to:

1. **The entrant should visit https://usc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ONFUBRTCcjmRQW2 to fill out the form and,**
2. **Upload the required documents (cover letter and full paper) to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/sWd9Y7s739gM6NyPuNRA>**

A complete entry consists of:

1. A brief cover letter (at most 1 page) explaining the paper's relevance and significance to public sector operations and confirming the submitting author is a PSOR member. The letter should include the names, titles, affiliations and email addresses of all coauthors. The cover letter filename should be "**yourFirstNameLastNameSchool_coverLetter**". If practical impact is claimed for the research, it is advised to also submit another letter from a practitioner (please attach this letter to the cover letter and submit one pdf), preferably not a coauthor of the work, attesting to its practical value.
2. A full paper (at most 32 pages, excluding the appendix), laid out using the formatting standards of a major INFORMS journal (e.g., *Management Science*, *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, and *Operations Research*). Nowhere in the paper should it contain the names or affiliations of its coauthor(s). The filename of the paper should be "**yourFirstNameLastNameSchool_paper**".
3. The submission can be a working paper or a paper under review but cannot be published (or accepted for publication) at the time of submission. In addition, the corresponding author must be a member of the INFORMS PSOR Section at the time of submission.

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