

**QCRE Student Paper Competition**  
**For presentation at the 2017 ISERC Annual Conference**  
**May 20-23, 2017 – Pittsburgh, PA**

The Quality Control and Reliability Engineering (QCRE) division of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) is sponsoring a student paper competition as part of the 2017 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC). The purpose of this competition is to *honor outstanding papers in the field of quality and/or reliability engineering research and practice*. Awards will be presented at the QCRE Town Hall meeting during ISERC and the winners will be acknowledged in the QCRE newsletter.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The following conditions apply to submissions for this competition:

- The paper topic must fit the QCRE themes.
- The student must be the first author. Moreover, **a formal, signed statement by the student's advisor must be submitted along with the paper affirming that the majority of the original results presented in the paper are due to the student's efforts rather than the advisor or other collaborators involved in the work.**
- The paper must have been completed during the first author's (i.e., student's) undergraduate or graduate studies.
- Previous finalists who wish to compete again should submit an entirely different paper. Please note, however, that past winners are not eligible for the competition.
- The first author (i.e., the student) must be an IIE member and be willing and able to present the paper in the QCRE student paper competition session at the ISERC.
- The paper must present original research results and cannot be accepted for publication elsewhere at the time of submission (it can, however, be submitted and/or under review for possible publication at the time of submission for this competition).
- The paper must not have won or been considered for an award in another competition.

**Important Notes**

- Papers submitted for this competition will NOT be published in the ISERC proceedings.
- QCRE division does NOT own copyrights of the paper submitted for this competition. However, the paper must be available to the QCRE division to be posted on their web page.

**Formatting and Submission Guidelines**

- Papers must be 8 to 10 pages (1 inch margins, single column, single-spaced, 12 point font, and Times New Roman) and must begin with a 50 word abstract. The submitted paper must follow the format or will be returned without review.
- Entrants must submit a blinded and unblinded version of the paper along with **a formal signed statement from the student's advisor**, all in electronic format (.PDF files ONLY) to both coordinators, Dr. Zhaojun (Steven) Li ([zhaojun.li@wne.edu](mailto:zhaojun.li@wne.edu)) and Dr. Pingfeng Wang ([pingfeng.wang@wichita.edu](mailto:pingfeng.wang@wichita.edu)), no later than 2/6/2017. Late or incomplete submission will be ineligible for the competition.
- All submitted papers will be reviewed and ranked by the reviewers committee and four finalists will be selected and announced on 3/31/2017.