

STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Purpose

The Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award is awarded annually at the international level for a significant paper prepared by a student member of ITE. The award honors the work of Daniel B. Fambro, who was a professor at Texas A&M University and an associate research engineer at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and passed away in 1999. In naming the award in Dan's honor, ITE recognizes his exemplary service to ITE, and his dedication to his students and the profession. The award provides ITE a means to encourage student members to conduct and report on independent and original research and investigate transportation subjects. The Dan Fambro Award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in this area and shines a spotlight on young and talented transportation researchers.

The Student Paper Award is presented at the Mountain District level to recognize the most outstanding student paper from within the Mountain District (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming). The winner from the Mountain District will be forwarded for consideration for the International Award.

Any individual member of ITE who is a student member of ITE International and completed work providing a basis for the paper while a student member of ITE International is eligible for this award.

Submission and Selection Process

If you would like to nominate your paper, submit the following materials via email to the individuals listed below.

1. The nomination form (see the next page).
2. Your paper, following the topic and formatting guidelines presented below. The paper should be submitted as a single PDF.
3. A separate summary of your paper, not to exceed 60 words. This can be included directly in the body of your submission email or as a separate attachment.
4. An image of the author, preferably a recent headshot-style photo, in JPG format.

Submit the nomination materials via email to:

Student and Younger Member Committee Chair: Victoria Edington (victoria.edington@stantec.com)

Awards Committee Chair: Ati Abad (atefeh.abad@atkinsrealis.com)

The information should be submitted no later than **March 1, 2026** (11:59pm Mountain Time).

Award

The Mountain District winner will be recognized at the ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting Awards Lunch and will receive a plaque commemorating the award. A cash prize is also included.

The winning author(s) from the Mountain District will be notified in advance of the Mountain District Annual Meeting, and the paper will be forwarded for consideration for the International Award. If the paper is selected to receive the International Award, additional funding to support attendance at the International Annual Meeting and Exhibit may be available.

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Paper Topic and Format

Submittals shall follow the following guidelines.

- Must address a transportation topic.
- Must be authored by one student author. Advisors can be listed but CANNOT be co-authors.
- Must be submitted in English.
- Must be submitted as a PDF document in 11-point type, with a maximum of 3,000 words.
 - *Tables, figures, and reference lists do not count against the word count; however, the title page and all in-text citations do count.*
- Must include a title page showing the title, word count, author's name, address, telephone number, and date, as well as a table of contents.
 - *The attached nomination form is only for use by the Mountain District; the above information MUST be included on the title page for consideration by ITE International.*

Judging Criteria

- **Originality** (20 points): To what degree does the subject matter and conclusions treat new ideas or call for significant departure from the present state of the art? How imaginative and original was the approach? How extensive were the qualities of inventiveness and ingenuity used?
- **Significance** (20 points): To what extent is the paper a major contribution to transportation engineering?
- **Scope and Format** (20 points): To what degree is the paper complete in relation to its stated purpose? Is the paper well organized? Is the paper concise?
- **Validity** (20 points): How sound are the approach techniques, data used, and the reasoning applied?
- **Applicability** (20 points): To what degree can the conclusions reached in the paper be applied in a practical manner towards solving transportation engineering problems?

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2026 STUDENT PAPER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Contact Information

Official Paper Title: _____

Nominee Name: _____

University Affiliation: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Note: This address will be used to ship the award in the event it cannot be presented in person. It can be a home or office address, but not a P.O. Box.

This form, your paper, your summary, and your photo should be submitted no later than **March 1, 2026** (11:59pm Mountain Time).