

## INFORMS Public Sector Operations Research 2018 Best Paper Award Call for Submissions

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Subject to receiving qualified submissions, one or two Best Paper Awards will be given, with an award plaque and an honorarium of \$200 for each award. One or two Honorable Mentions may also be awarded depending on the number of qualified submissions. All finalists will be notified prior to the INFORMS 2018 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, November 4-7. The awards will be announced at the PSOR Business Meeting & Breakfast, which will take place during the INFORMS Annual Meeting.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, a complete entry must be submitted to the Chair of the Award Committee via email (Professor Tinglong Dai [dai@jhu.edu](mailto:dai@jhu.edu)) by **July 30, 2018**, following the application process outlined below. 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.

### Application Process

A complete entry consists of:

- A brief cover letter (at most one page) explaining the paper's relevance and significance to public sector operations and confirming the submitting author is a PSOR member. The letter should also include the names, titles, affiliations and email addresses of all coauthors. The filename of the cover letter should be **ShortTitleOfThePaper\_CoverLetter.pdf**. If practical impact is claimed for the research, it is advised to also submit another letter from a practitioner, preferably not a coauthor of the work, attesting to the practical value of the work.
- A full paper of no more than 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 **ShortTitleOfThePaper.pdf**.

The above documents should be sent to the Chair of the Award Committee via email ([dai@jhu.edu](mailto:dai@jhu.edu)) no later than **July 30, 2018**. Please indicate "PSOR Best Paper Award" in the subject of your email.

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