



FORUM 2010 Transport & Innovation



CALL FOR APPLICANTS

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM
Leipzig, 25-28 May 2010

YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Transport Forum provides an annual platform for Transport Ministers from around the world to meet with researchers and leaders of civil society and examine strategic policy issues facing the sector.

The Forum is supported by the Joint Transport Research Centre, which is a joint initiative of the International Transport Forum and the OECD. Continuing a long tradition of conducting research on transport issues to inform the policy-making process of Transport Ministers, the Centre will provide the annual meeting of the Forum with the findings of high-level transport research.

At its third Forum in Leipzig, to be held during the last week of May 2010, the International Transport Forum will offer a “Young Researcher Award” to recognise a young researcher, or researchers, who submits the best research paper on the 2010 Forum theme: “Transport and Innovation”.



2. OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA OF THE PRIZE

2.1 Objectives

The principal aim of the 2010 Forum Award is to highlight the crucial importance of transport research for sound transport policy formulation and implementation, and to foster closer links between transport policy and research.

The prize is designed to encourage and reward creative reflection and analysis on the part of young researchers currently investigating the major contribution of innovations to increase the efficiency, safety, security, or sustainability of transport activities.

2.2 Guiding principles and criteria for the award

The award is open to young researchers (under 35 years of age) who have undertaken their research in an institution, university or consultancy firm located in a Forum member country*, conducting research on transport issues and their political context. Co-authorship is possible, in which case the award will be shared among the authors, of whom all must be under 35 years old.

Specifically, the research paper should focus on specific innovations in transport which may help the transport sector in meeting its key challenges, for example innovations contributing to:

- Sustainable transport operations.
- Energy savings in the transportation sector.
- A safe and secure transport system.
- Efficient transport operations.
- An accessible transport system.
- Financing transport infrastructure development or renewal.

The paper should:

- Show clear links with the general theme of the 2010 Forum (transport and innovation) and adopt either a backward looking perspective (analysing the historical contribution of innovation) or a forward looking perspective

(proposing new modes of operation in the transport sector, different technologies or means of financing, etc.).

and:

- Extract and develop the policy dimension from the analysis: an important aspect of the analysis is to describe the political context of the innovation or supportive policies which may help in its implementation.
- Propose advances in the current state of knowledge in the domain.
- Be methodologically rigorous.
- Include a strong economic understanding and analysis, but the described innovation may be of an engineering, social, regulatory or organisational nature.
- Be written in such a way that the essence of the analysis and its policy relevance are accessible not only to researchers but also to policy-makers (implying that formal analysis should be accompanied by a clear explanation of its purpose and results).
- Be written in either of the two official languages of the Forum (French or English).
- Be recent (working papers as well as articles published or accepted for publication in academic journals in 2008 or 2009 are welcome).
- Not exceed 25 pages (single spacing), excluding references and annexes.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Candidates for the prize should send in the completed application form [[Young Researcher Registration Form.doc](#)], including a brief summary in English of the paper (maximum 200 words) and the complete paper by e-mail to the Forum Secretariat (Michel.Violland@oecd.org with copy to Julie.paillez@oecd.org), by 26 February 2010 at the latest.
- Where appropriate, include a letter, signed by the director of the young researcher's institution or organisation, approving the submission.

4. AWARDING THE PRIZE

4.1 The prize jury

Candidate dossiers will be examined by an international panel of experts from the transport and transport economics research sectors, under the aegis of the OECD-

International Transport Forum Joint Transport Research Centre. The jury will include representatives from the Joint Transport Research Committee.

4.2 The prize

A prize of **EUR 5 000** will be awarded. An official award ceremony, attended by Ministers of Transport of Forum Member countries, will be held in Leipzig during the Forum. Honorary merit awards may also be presented.

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