

International Transport Forum's **YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD 2014** **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**



Introduction

The International Transport Forum at the OECD organises an Annual Summit for Transport Ministers from around the world to meet with researchers, industry leaders and representatives of civil society and examine strategic policy issues facing the sector.

Continuing a long tradition of research on transport issues to inform the policy-making process, the International Transport Forum's Research Centre provides high-level research input for the Transport Ministers' Annual Summit organised by the Forum.

At the 2014 Summit, to be held in Leipzig, Germany from 21-23 May 2014, the International Transport Forum will again present its "Young Researcher of the Year Award" to recognise a young researcher, or researchers, who submit(s) the best research paper on the theme of the Annual Summit. For 2014, the theme is "**Transport for a Changing World**".

Objectives

The principal aim of the International Transport Forum's Young Researcher of the Year 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 award is designed to encourage and reward creative reflection and analysis on the part of young researchers, currently investigating the major contribution of transport to the well-being of our societies and their proper functioning. The International Transport Forum's 2014 Annual Summit will focus on the transport sector's relation to the changing global situation, forming the core of the 2014 Summit discussions.

Criteria

The Award is open to researchers under 35 years of age who have undertaken their research in an institution, university or consultancy firm located in a member country* of the International Transport Forum. The researcher must be the main author of the paper. Co-authorship is possible, in which case the award will be shared among the main authors, all of whom must be under 35 years of age.

Specifically, the research paper may analyse any aspect of the interlinkages between the transport sector and the evolving economic, social or sociological, historical, geographical, demographical and political context. For example, the following topics are relevant to the 2014 Summit:

- ▶ **Overall financial resource shortage** compared to investment needs in the transport sector.
- ▶ The **new geographical configuration of international trade** and its transport implications.
- ▶ New transport needs in **ageing societies**.
- ▶ Transport and **digitalised economies**.
- ▶ Transport systems facing **major climate events**.
- ▶ New forms of public transport in **urbanised societies**.
- ▶ Transport and **new energy sources**.

The research paper should treat one of these aspects and must show clear links with the general theme of the 2014 Summit, "Transport for a Changing World", and:

- ▶ extract and develop policy issues from the analysis;
- ▶ propose advances in the current state of knowledge in the domain;
- ▶ be methodologically rigorous;
- ▶ demonstrate strong economic understanding and analysis, though the analysis may be of an engineering, planning, historical or sociological 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 Forum's two official languages (French or English);
- ▶ be recent (working papers as well as articles published or accepted for publication in academic journals in 2012 or 2013 are welcome);
- ▶ not exceed 25 pages (single spacing), excluding references and annexes.

Application Process

Candidates for the prize must send in the completed [application form](#), including a brief summary of the paper in English (maximum 200 words) and the complete paper by email to the International Transport Forum at the OECD, (Michel.Violland@oecd.org) with copy to (Julie.pailliez@oecd.org), by **7 February 2014**.

Awarding The Prize

Submissions will be examined by an international panel of experts from the transport and transport economics research sectors, under the aegis of the International Transport Forum's Research Centre. The jury will include representatives from the Joint Transport Research Committee and the President of the World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR).

A prize of **EUR 5 000** will be awarded. An official award ceremony, attended by Transport Ministers of Forum Member countries, will be held in Leipzig during the 2014 Summit. Honorary merit awards may also be presented.

Past Award Winners

- ▶ 2013: Laura Schewel (Energy and Resources Group, University of California at Berkeley, USA) for her paper on "Shop 'Till we drop: A History and Policy Analysis of Retails Goods Movement".
- ▶ 2012: Dr. Wing Yee "Winnie" Lam (Hong Kong University, China) for her paper on "Building a seamless transport system through walking"
- ▶ 2011: Jonn Aksen (University of California at Davis, USA) for his paper "Interpersonal influence within car buyers' social networks: Developing pro-societal values through sustainable mobility policy"
- ▶ 2010: Hossam Abdelgawad (Toronto University, Canada) for his paper "Managing Large-Scale Multimodal Emergency Evacuations"

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