

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering Division  
Best Graduate Student Paper Competitions  
2002-2003 Academic Year**

**COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

1. Entries must be the result of work performed while a student (full or part time) enrolled in a university, college, or institution during the 2002-2003 academic year.
2. Competition will be in two categories (Masters Level Research or Design Project and Doctoral Level Research).
3. Graduate student dissertation/thesis/report must be in an ocean, offshore or arctic engineering area (offshore mechanics, materials, pipelines, safety & reliability, polar & arctic engineering, ocean space utilization, and ocean engineering).
4. Graduate student projects can be individual research projects (thesis or dissertation) or team design projects.
5. Applications are not restricted to ocean, offshore or arctic engineering students. All team members must meet the student enrollment requirements. A faculty advisor must endorse the application forms.
6. Entries are to be written in a format acceptable to a major Conference/National Engineering Society Meeting. The entry is limited to 20 pages (10 point font, 1 inch margins all around, including figures and tables). The paper must clearly demonstrate the salient aspects of the concept and include a title, author(s), abstract, introduction, main discussion, conclusions, and references. Submission of work performed to meet academic requirements is encouraged; however, a complete design report, thesis, dissertation is not acceptable. A condensed version of the design report, thesis, or dissertation is desired and the paper should be written to accommodate review by a panel of judges. Entries will be judged on Engineering Technical Quality, Practical Application, Originality, and Presentation.
7. Five copies of the entry should be submitted to:  
  

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8. The participation form should be completed and submitted by December 13, 2002. The deadline for receipt of five copies of paper entries is June 14, 2003. Extensions to these deadlines may be requested by contacting Kourtney Yates. Winners will be notified by September 12, 2003.
9. Two distinctive plaques (Masters Level and Doctoral Level) will be presented to the winners at a convenient location, conference, national, or international meeting in the Fall 2003 or Winter 2004. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded to each of the Masters and Doctoral level student winners or team winner. Expenses for each award winner will be reimbursed (maximum of \$500 each winner) for travel to receive the awards.