

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM Leipzig, 2008

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, established together with 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 first Forum in Leipzig, on 28-30 May 2008, 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 2008 Forum theme: “Transport and Energy: the Challenge of Climate Change”.

2. OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA OF THE PRIZE

2.1 Objectives

The principal aim of the 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 complex interlinkages between transport activity and climate change.

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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, energy or climate change issues. Co-authorship is possible, in which case the award will be shared.

Specifically, the research paper should focus on the analysis of climate change and energy issues in the transport sector, and should:

- contribute to the advancement of the current state of knowledge in this area;
- demonstrate a high-quality research technique and methodology;
- be based on strong economic understanding and analysis, but can be written from an engineering, psychological or sociological point of view;
- be written in either of the two official languages of the Forum (French or English), and presented in a way that is accessible to policy-makers. (e.g. mathematical and econometric demonstrations should be explained in ordinary language in the main body of the paper, with the mathematical exposition set out in annex);
- extract and develop key policy messages from the analysis;
- be recent (articles published or accepted for publication in academic journals in 2006 or 2007 are welcome);
- not exceed 25 pages, excluding references and annexes (single spacing).

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Candidates for the prize should send in the completed application form [[Young Researcher Registration Form.doc](#)], including a brief summary of the paper (maximum 200 words).
- The complete paper should be sent by e-mail to the Forum Secretariat, julie.pailliez@oecd.org, by 29 February 2008 at the latest.
- A letter, signed by the Director of the young researcher's institution or organisation, should be included, approving the submission.

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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 and the World Conference on Transport Research Society.

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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