

# Call for Applications Young Researcher of the Year Award

## 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. To encourage and reward creative reflection and analysis from young researchers, the International Transport Forum will once again present its "Young Researcher of the Year Award" at the 2017 Summit to be held in Leipzig, Germany (31 May - 2 June).

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. For 2017, the theme of the Summit is "**Governance of Transport**".

## Criteria

The Award is open to researchers under 35 years of age at the time of closing of applications who have undertaken the research discussed in the submitted paper in an institution, university or consultancy firm located in a member country<sup>1</sup> 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.

The research paper may analyse any aspect related to the "Governance of Transport", such as, but not limited to, city governance, infrastructure financing, policy issues around the use of big data, transport policy assessment mechanisms or innovative governance solutions.

The work can be quantitative or qualitative and come from any of the academic fields linked to transport. The winning paper will propose advances from the current state of knowledge in the domain and be methodologically rigorous.

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<sup>1</sup> Full member countries of the International Transport Forum: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Chile, China, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FRY Macedonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States.

Papers should not exceed 25 pages (single spacing), excluding references and annexes and should be written in English or French. Papers published in 2016 or 2017, as well as unpublished papers, are welcome.

### **Application Process**

Candidates for the award must complete on line the [application form](#), including a brief summary of the paper in English (maximum 200 words), even if the paper is in French.

### **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 the ITF member countries, will be held in Leipzig during the 2017 Summit. Honorary merit awards may also be presented.

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