

## 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 to the Annual Summit. 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 2019 Summit to be held in Leipzig, Germany (22-24 May).

The principal aim of the International Transport Forum's Young Researcher of the Year Award is to highlight the importance of transport research for sound transport policy formulation and implementation, and to foster closer links between transport policy and research. For 2019, the theme of the Summit is "**Transport Connectivity for Regional Integration**".

### Criteria

The Young Researcher of the Year Award is open to researchers under 35 years of age at the time of closing of applications who have undertaken the research presented 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.

The research paper may analyse any aspect related to transport connectivity for regional integration, such as, but not limited to, transport network connectivity, multimodal connectivity, the development of transport corridors, their impact on the economy or society, or the required institutional or regulatory frameworks to achieve improved connectivity and integration.

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.

Papers should not exceed 25 pages (single spacing), excluding references and annexes and should be written in English or French. Papers published in 2018 or 2019, as well as unpublished papers, are welcome.

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<sup>1</sup> For a list of International Transport Forum member countries: <https://www.itfoecd.org/member-countries>

## Application Process

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

**Applications close 1 February 2019.**

## 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 Transport Research Committee and the President of the World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS).

A prize of **EUR 5 000** will be awarded. The award winner will be invited to receive the award at the official award ceremony which will be held during the 2019 Summit (22-24 May) in Leipzig, Germany. Honorary merit awards may also be presented.

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