

EMI Structural Stability Student Paper Competition 2026

Sponsored by: EMI Stability Committee

Purpose:

- ✓ Increase student involvement in the EMI Conference, particularly in the area of Structural Stability
- ✓ Expose students to research pertinent to classical and non-classical structural stability from different research groups
- ✓ Facilitate student interactions with Professors, senior researchers as well as other students from the structural stability community in order to create a strong network and show willingness to take on future responsibilities within the community
- ✓ Improve students' technical writing and presentation skills, as well as promote high-quality submissions to EMI Journal of Engineering Mechanics

Requirements:

1. Be a full-time student at the time of abstract submission and the main contributor to the research.
2. Submit an abstract as the leading author in the Structural Stability Mini-Symposium of the Stability Committee, through the EMI Conference website, by January 15, 2026.
3. Participate only in the Stability Committee Student Competition. Participation in other EMI 2026 student competitions will automatically disqualify the candidate from the competition.
4. Express an interest to participate in the student competition by emailing Professor Noël Challamel at noel.challamel@univ-ubs.fr by February 1st, 2026. You will receive a reply acknowledging receipt.
5. Submit an extended abstract including graphs and tables (up to 5 pages) to Professor Noël Challamel at noel.challamel@univ-ubs.fr by March 1st, 2026. Formatting template will be individually provided by Professor Challamel to student participants who expressed interest.
6. Register for the conference and if selected, present at the student competition, during the conference.

Deadlines:

- ✓ January 15, 2026: Abstract submission deadline to EMI 2026 website.
- ✓ February 1st, 2026: Expression of Interest for Stability Committee Student Paper Competition.
- ✓ March 1st, 2026: Submission of extended abstract to the EMI Stability Committee Student Paper Competition for early judging by the committee's control group.

Prizes:

One winner and one Runner-Up will be selected. They will receive a certificate and be named as the Stability Student Paper Winner and Runner Up, respectively. In addition, student finalists will be invited to submit an extended version of their papers for a by-invitation-only special collection on Journal of Engineering Mechanics (example from previous years:

https://ascelibrary.org/jenmdt/emi_student_finalist_papers).

Process:

- ✓ The decision on acceptance for the competition will be communicated by April 1st, 2026
- ✓ Students interested in the competition should be already registered for the conference and should have expressed interest by emailing Professor Challamel by February 1, 2026 and submitted their extended abstract by March 1st, 2026 to Professor Challamel
- ✓ The student submissions will be judged during the month of March 2026
- ✓ The extended abstracts will be judged by a panel of 5 judges from the Stability Committee
- ✓ The winners will be selected based on the quality of the submitted extended abstracts and the finalists will be invited to present in the stability mini symposium of EMI 2026 to be held in Boulder – Colorado.

Contact: For more information contact the Committee Chair, Professor Noël Challamel at noel.challamel@univ-ubs.fr