

2026 EMI Poromechanics Student Paper Competition

Sponsored by: EMI Poromechanics Committee

Purpose:

The purpose of this student paper competition is to promote poromechanics research among a broader group of student organizations, facilitate student interactions and networking at the Engineering Mechanics Institute (EMI) Conference, and help students improve their technical writing and oral presentation skills. Participation by graduate students from any relevant engineering or scientific discipline is encouraged.

Requirements:

1. Be a full-time graduate student and lead author of the submitted research work.
2. Submit an abstract in the thematic area of poromechanics to the EMI abstract submission website by the conference deadline. Submissions to the mini-symposia that are related to poromechanics are encouraged but not required.
3. Participate only in the Poromechanics Student Paper Competition. Participation in multiple competitions will automatically disqualify the student from this competition.
4. Express the intent to participate in the paper competition by contacting Dr. Mostafa Mobasher at mostafa.mobasher@nyu.edu by February 28, 2026. Please include EMI2026 Poromechanics Competition in the subject.
5. Submit a short paper of the previously submitted abstract, along with a copy of the associated abstract acceptance notification by the EMI conference, to Dr. Mostafa Mobasher at mostafa.mobasher@nyu.edu by March 17, 2026. Short papers do not need to follow a specific structure or template as long as the following formatting instructions are adhered to: (PDF file; maximum of three letter-sized pages; 12 font size; 1" margins). Papers that do not comply with the formatting requirements may not be considered for review.
6. Register and, if selected, present the paper in a special session at the EMI 2026 conference.

Deadlines:

- **Jan 15, 2026** – EMI 2026 Abstract submission.
- **Feb 28, 2026** – Express the intent to participate in the poromechanics student paper competition.
- **Mar 17, 2026** - Full-length (three pages max) paper and abstract acceptance notification.

Prizes:

- Up to one winner and two runners-up will be selected. They will receive a certificate and will be named as the Poromechanics student paper competition winners.

Process:

- The decision on acceptance for the Poromechanics student paper competition will be announced by May 05, 2026.
- The top five papers will be selected for a ten-minute presentation, followed by a 5-minute Q&A in a special session of the conference. Note that this will be a second presentation, in addition to the presentation the students (or their co-authors) may give as part of the regular EMI Conference sessions.
- The papers and presentations will be judged by a panel of three judges selected by the organizing members of the poromechanics committee.
- Winners will be selected based on both the paper quality (originality, intellectual merit, clarity and accuracy, as well as the writing style) and the oral presentation quality (command of the technical content, delivery and fluency, and presentation slides quality).
- Student finalists will be invited to submit an extended version of their papers for a by invitation-only special collection on the Journal of Engineering Mechanics (example from previous years: https://ascelibrary.org/jenmdt/emi_student_finalist_papers)

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