

EMI 2026 Student Paper Competition

Sponsored by: EMI Dynamics Committee

The Dynamics Committee (DC) of ASCE-EMI is pleased to announce the 13th Annual Student Paper Competition in Dynamics. The competition is open to any student author of a contribution to the EMI 2026 conference developing and/or applying Dynamics methods to engineering problems. Students whose abstracts in this thematic area are accepted by the Conference, and retain their student status by April 1st 2026, are eligible for this paper competition.

Purpose:

1. To increase the involvement of younger professionals in the EMI conferences, particularly in the area of Dynamics.
2. To engage student members with the Dynamics Committee to promote further growth as engineers, develop working relationships with Dynamics Committee members, and be ready to take on future responsibilities within the technical community.
3. To improve students' technical writing skill, as well as to promote high-quality submissions to the flagship journal of EMI, the Journal of Engineering Mechanics.

Requirements:

To be eligible for the competition, a participant should:

1. Submit an abstract as the leading author in the thematic area of Dynamics through the conference paper's management system to the track of their choice by the corresponding conference deadline. Submission to a Dynamics Committee sponsored mini-symposium is particularly encouraged but not required. However, the topic of the abstract should fall within the auspices of the Dynamics Committee.
2. Send an email expressing interest in the competition to the Chair of the Judging Panel, Prof. Patrick Brewick (pbrewick@nd.edu) by February 28, 2026. Prof. Brewick will reply and provide the paper template by March 6, 2026.
3. Forward the abstract acceptance notification within one week of receipt from the corresponding conference organizers.
4. Submit by email the PDF file of the full-length paper (up to four pages, template to be provided) to Prof. Patrick Brewick (pbrewick@nd.edu) by March 31, 2026. The student must write the paper as the leading author and should conduct the majority of the work associated with the manuscript. A verification letter from the faculty advisor is required at the submission of the full-length paper.
5. Be a student at the time of submission of the full-length paper.
6. Register and present the paper at the corresponding conference.

Additional Notes:

- Several students and non-student (Advisor / Supervisor / Professor) co-authors can contribute in the paper, but the main/lead author should be a student at the time of submission of the full-length paper. The student participant(s) should conduct most of the work associated with

the manuscript. Each student may submit only one paper to the competition as the leading author.

- Other students can be included in the competition as co-authors, but the main/lead student author, if shortlisted, should present his/her work at the student competition session.
- The student/applicant cannot participate to any other competition in EMI 2026. The paper used for the competition should not be used in the competition of another conference.
- 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 and Awards:

The submitted papers will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges. The dates and prizes of the student competition will be announced shortly.

Deadlines:

Abstract submission deadline: Check the deadlines of the conference

EMI 2026: January 31, 2026, <https://www.emi-conference.org/>

February 28, 2026 – Express interest in participating by emailing Prof. Brewick at pbrewick@nd.edu

March 31, 2026 - Full-length paper and advisor's verification letter due to pbrewick@nd.edu