

IGA Best Paper Award--call for nominations

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This the second year that IGA will offer the IGA Best Paper Award to successful candidates. Nominations are welcome from IGA members and will be evaluated by an award evaluation committee authorized by IGA.

Submission deadline: Friday, 27 February 2015

Scope of the award

In order to promote research and publication in the field of geothermal energy, the International Geothermal Association (IGA) established the Best Paper Award which was first offered in 2014 to recognize authors of papers published in internationally peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The prize shall be composed of \$500 (US) per paper plus a certificate issued by the IGA president. For papers with more than one author, the prize shall be offered to the first author and subsequent division of the prize will be up to the first author. However, each of the authors shall receive a separate certificate from the IGA.

Eligibility and selection criteria

The Best Paper Award honors the author(s) of a paper of exceptional merit dealing with a subject related to geothermal energy exploration, development and/or utilization.

The winners are chosen by the award evaluation committee based on significance, novelty, originality, presentation, and practical implications of the paper. Papers published during the past five-year period are considered eligible for the award. For example, for the 2015 awarding year, papers to be considered must have been printed with page numbers on and after January 1, 2010.

Self-nominations are not considered. An open call for nominations will be announced on the official IGA website and the IGA newsletter. Nominations will be solicited from the IGA membership. Re-nomination is acceptable.

Please send your nominations to the IGA Secretariat (iga@hs-bochum.de) by Friday, **27 February 2015**.

Nomination

An IGA member is allowed to nominate not more than two papers per year to the IGA for consideration. A letter of less than three A4 pages to support the nomination is required. The

IGA will officially announce the award on the IGA website – and will of course inform the winner(s).

Templates for the documents can be downloaded from the official IGA website:
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IGA Ph.D. Student Research Grant—call for applications

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The IGA offers financial support to exceptional PhD research in geothermal energy topics. The submission deadline is Friday, 27 February 2015.

Description of the grant

The purpose of the IGA PhD Student Research Grant program is to assist PhD students registered in a recognized program at a PhD-degree granting institution who is undertaking research in a subject area of geothermal energy in support of the student's dissertation research work. The award mainly focuses on enhancing the student's general research experience. The research independence of the applicant as well as the novelty and implications of research performed as a graduate student will be used for evaluation purposes.

A PhD Student Research Grant consists of a grant of up to \$3000 (US). The actual amount will be decided by the IGA based on the request of the applicant and justifications. The funds may be used for direct research expenses (e.g. software license, computational time, analytical cost). It may not be used for tuition or living expenses. IGA secretariat reimburses the expenditures based on evidence (original receipts) of eligible spending. In 2015, up to three research grants are planned to be -issued.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this grant, at the time of the application deadline the student must be enrolled in a doctoral program in geothermal energy studies (or its sub-disciplines) at a regionally accredited university or research institute.

Grant recipients are selected based on their overall potential for research excellence and their academic progress to-date, as evidenced by publications or other evidence. Strong preference is given to students who demonstrate outstanding research abilities early in their graduate training, and those who show a considerable level of independence in conducting their research.

Each recipient of the IGA PhD Student Research Grant shall acknowledge this support in their PhD dissertation and in any scientific publications derived from the part of the PhD research supported by IGA grant.

The grant recipient shall provide a copy of the PhD dissertation in its original languages. Also, a reprint of any scientific papers derived from the grant shall be sent to the IGA Secretariat.

The IGA authorized evaluation committee is responsible for the selection. Geographic distribution is considered when making such selections.

How to apply

The deadline for submitting the following documents to the IGA Secretariat (iga@hs-bochum.de) is Friday, 27 February **2015**.

1. Application Letter

The application letter should include a statement of the research, an introduction to the applicant, research motivation, and should be signed by the applicant and emailed as a PDF to the IGA Secretariat.

2. Research Statement

A research statement with 1,000 words maximum should be provided. Citations and references are allowed but not required. In-text citations do count towards the maximum word limit.

Reference lists on a separate page will not count towards the word limit. This may be submitted as either a Word document or a PDF. Be sure to include:

- Information on your past research experience, including a section that highlights at least one project the student has completed or participated recently (within 12 months preceding the date of application). The student should state her/his role in the project and present her/his novel ideas clearly. Any discussion of research completed prior to graduate school will be weighed less heavily compared to recent work. Please do not include tables or figures.
- Information about your current research and why it is important.
- Proposed future research project to be considered for the grant.
- Independence of research, novelty of ideas, and practical implications of the research.

3. Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

Your abbreviated curriculum vitae should be 2 pages maximum. This may be submitted as either a Word document or a PDF.

4. Two Letters of Recommendation

Your letters of recommendation should come from advisors and/or professors from your doctoral program and should be a maximum of 1 page each. Please communicate to the faculty members who will write your recommendation letters the importance of adhering to this page limit. These letters should highlight the independence of your research, as well as your potential within your field of interest. Please do not submit more than two letters of recommendation

The IGA will officially announce the successful applicants on the IGA website and IGA News– and will of course inform the winner(s).

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