

THE FIBER SOCIETY GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

In Conjunction with the Symposium:

**ADVANCED FLEXIBLE MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES:
ENGINEERING WITH FIBERS**

June 30-July 2, 2003, Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Purpose of the competition:

To recognize outstanding achievement in science and technology of fibers, and their use, at the graduate student level.

Rules of the competition:

1. The award is open to **current graduate/research (PhD, MPhil, MSc, MS) students** as well as those who have **graduated any time since May 2002**.
2. The work and the writing must be that of the student. **The research paper, however, must be submitted by the student's advisor.** The language of the competition is **English**.
3. Preliminary judging of submitted papers will be by the Student Award Committee of the Fiber Society. The format of the paper is that followed by the Textile Research Journal. The judging criteria are **scientific rigor** (experimental design and execution) of the research, **clarity and accuracy** of data interpretation, and **adherence to standard written style**.
4. The three finalists selected by the Committee will each present an oral report of their work at the **Fiber Society Symposium (30 June - 2 July 2003) at Loughborough, UK**. The three finalists will receive free registration and up to US\$700 for expenses against receipts. The oral competition will be judged by a set of three judges selected from those attending the symposium. Criteria for judging include **proficiency in clear presentation** and in **handling questions from the audience**, and in **the quality and relevance of visual aids**.
5. The **best paper** will be awarded a **monetary prize** presented at the Symposium Banquet.
6. **All papers submitted** to the competition are **eligible for presentation in poster form** at the symposium, **irrespective of placement in the competition**.

Papers (4 copies) and **cover letter signed by the research advisor/supervisor** certifying the research and writing is that of the student and containing contact information for award notification, **should be submitted to the Student Award Committee Chair** (address below) prior to **March 1, 2003**. **Email submissions in pdf format are acceptable**. If confirmation of receipt is desired, an email request should be sent to the Chair, who will confirm receipt by email reply. The three finalists and their advisors/supervisors will be notified by **May 1, 2003**.

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