



# INCE-USA Student Paper Competition

APPLICATION FORM – NOISE-CON 2025

## ABOUT THE APPLICATION.

INCE-USA is pleased to announce a Student Paper Competition for NOISE-CON 2025, with up to 5 awards given to the most outstanding papers. The winners of the Student Paper Competition Award will receive \$500 USD, plus an additional \$500 USD award if they attend the NOISE-CON 2025 Awards Ceremony. If a winning paper is expanded and accepted after peer review for publication in the Noise Control Engineering Journal, the student will receive an additional \$500 USD award. See last page of this application form for more details & information. Contact the INCE-USA Business Office at [ibo@inceusa.org](mailto:ibo@inceusa.org) with questions.

## SUBMISSION CHECKLIST.

1. Submit your **abstract & manuscript** and agree to the **INCE Conference Paper Copyright** electronically as part of the regular submission process on the NOISE-CON 2025 website.

4. **E-mail the following items** no later than the **paper submission deadline** to the INCE-USA VP for Student Activities ([vp\\_education@inceusa.org](mailto:vp_education@inceusa.org)) and the INCE-USA Business Office ([ibo@inceusa.org](mailto:ibo@inceusa.org)) with the subject line **NC24\_XXX Student Paper Entry Form** where XXX is the number assigned to this paper when you submitted the abstract:

- Abstract
- Manuscript (PDF version)
- Completed Entry Form
- INCE-USA Student Associate Application Form (if not already a Student Associate of INCE-USA)
- Additional INCE-USA Student Associate or Member application Forms for all co-authors.\*

**\*All co-authors must be current Members or Associates of INCE-USA.**

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1. **NAME OF CONTESTANT:** *(Author of Manuscript)*

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **TITLE OF MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED AS ENTRY TO COMPETITION:**



**3. ASSIGNED ABSTRACT / PAPER #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. AUTHOR & CO-AUTHOR MEMBERSHIP STATUS – CHECK ONE FOR EACH:**

**Author:**         I am a current Student Associate of INCE-USA.  
                      I will submit a Student Associate Application.

**Co-Author(s):**  All co-authors are current Associates or Members of INCE-USA.  
                      One or more co-authors are **not** current Associates or Members,  
                     and will submit a membership application.

**5. CERTIFICATIONS:**

**AUTHOR**

I, the presenter of the overview of the work in the seminal noise control paper listed above, certify that I prepared the presentation myself. I am/I have submitted an application to be a student member of INCE-USA. I have read the rules of the competition and agree to abide by them.

I agree to the above statement.

**FACULTY ADVISOR**

I, the faculty advisor to the above-named student(s), certify that the work is that of the student(s). If my name is listed as a co-author, I certify that the student(s) made the major contributions to the work described in the manuscript. I also certify that this student is a full-time student at:

UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the above statement.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM AND ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO  
[ibo@inceusa.org](mailto:ibo@inceusa.org) AND [vp\\_education@inceusa.org](mailto:vp_education@inceusa.org)**

### COMPETITION RULES AND INFORMATION.

#### **SUBJECT OF PAPER**

The paper must deal with some aspects of noise control (see the INCE Classification of Subjects). The paper should deal with a practical aspect of noise control; it does not have to relate to thesis research. Practical results should be stressed. Literature reviews are not encouraged.

#### **AUTHORSHIP**

Each manuscript submitted must represent original work by the author(s) who is (are) registered as student(s) at a U.S. university or college at the time of the conference abstract submission deadline. The name of the U.S. university or college must appear on the manuscript. A faculty advisor and/or a sponsor may serve as a co-author and in that case the name of the faculty member or sponsor will normally be listed as the last co-author. All authors must either be students or the faculty advisor or sponsor of the students. All co-authors must have made substantial technical contributions that facilitated the success of the research being reported. Prize money (if any) will be divided equally among all the student co-authors. The winners of previous INCE-USA Student Paper Competitions are not eligible.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The originality of each manuscript must be certified by the signature on the entry form of the first author and a faculty member at a U.S. university or college at which the student(s) is (are) registered. If a faculty member is listed as a co-author, he or she must certify that the student(s) made the major contribution to the work reported in the paper.

#### **CONNECTION WITH INCE-USA**

All authors must be Associates, Members, or Student Members of INCE-USA. The faculty member certifying to the originality of a submitted paper must also be an Associate or Member of INCE-USA. (Note: If the author(s) or faculty members are not Associates or Members of INCE-USA, application(s) and check(s) for such status must accompany the manuscript submission.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS**

The manuscripts must follow the standard paper submission lengths and formats as in all other conference paper submissions. Instructions for the paper format can be found on the conference website.

#### **DEADLINE**

An abstract and a manuscript must be submitted by the conference abstract and paper submission deadlines as the part of regular submission procedures. The author should indicate that the manuscript to be submitted is to be considered in the Student Paper Competition. Then, the abstract, the manuscript, and the completed Competition Entry Form must be emailed no later than the conference paper submission deadline. If the student(s) and faculty member are not Associates or Members of INCE-USA, application forms and checks payable to INCE-USA must be received by the paper submission deadline.

#### **JUDGES**

All decisions of the INCE-USA judges are final. The Institute reserves the right to make fewer than five awards or no awards at all.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Judges will evaluate the papers by considering:

- i. The difficulty of the problem addressed and the practical value of the work performed to noise control engineering.
- ii. The technical quality of the investigation.
- iii. The quality of the technical communication.
- iv. The quality of the oral presentation.

#### **HANDLING OF MANUSCRIPTS**

All contest manuscripts received will be carefully considered for a prize award. All student competition papers submitted to and accepted by the conference technical chair will be published along with all the other conference papers in the conference proceedings and the students will make presentations at the conference.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

All manuscripts will be scheduled for oral presentation during technical sessions at the conference for which the paper was submitted. All contest entrants must present their papers in person in the session to which their papers are assigned. They must also be present in person at the awards ceremony of the conference to receive the additional \$500.