

# SECOND ANNUAL STRUCTURES GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2016 (SGSC 2016)

## Call for Abstracts

The Structures Group of the University of Alberta is pleased to present the call for abstracts for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Structures Graduate Students Conference** which will be held on **September 9** at **The Royal Glenora Club**, Edmonton, AB. The conference seeks submission from academia presenting novel research results in all practical and theoretical aspects of structural engineering. Accepted abstracts will be followed by an Oral Presentation or a Poster Presentation at the conference.

### Oral Presentation Guidelines

- Presentation should be prepared in a commonly compatible format e.g. PowerPoint 2010 or 2013.
- Presentations should be handed over in a USB stick or emailed before September 8, to [sgsc.uofa@gmail.com](mailto:sgsc.uofa@gmail.com).
- A brief description of the presenter's most relevant work should accompany the presentation document.
- The presenter is responsible to ensure that all compatibility issues relating to videos or animations in the presentation are resolved before the start of their session.
- Presenters are endeared to arrive at the venue at least 15 minutes before the presentations begin.
- The total time allotted for each presentation is **10 minutes**, consisting of **7 minutes** of presentation and **3 minutes** for questions. The presenter would be signalled at 5 minutes and be allowed to finish the presentation within the next **2 minutes**.

### Poster Presentation Guidelines

- The poster should not be larger than **6 x 4 feet**.
- The poster should include a title and the presenter's full name.
- Presenters will be assigned a time slot and numbered space at the venue.
- Display boards will be provided with pushpins for mounting the posters.
- Presenters should remain by their posters the entire time of the assigned session to answer questions and get evaluated.

## Abstracts Guidelines

The abstract submitted should be related to Structural Engineering and must make a convincing argument on the concepts being discussed. The allocation of abstracts to both the oral and poster presentation is competitive as there is time allotted for a maximum of **18 oral presentations** and spots available for just **10 poster presentations** at the conference. The abstract should be of a maximum of **350 words** to be considered for either oral or poster presentation. Interested individuals should indicate their preference for an oral or poster presentation. Early submissions will be entered into a draw to win a **\$200 cash prize**.

**Abstracts must be submitted in a Word document, via e-mail to [sgsc.uofa@gmail.com](mailto:sgsc.uofa@gmail.com), with the subject "Abstract SGSC 2016", stating your preference of either oral or poster presentation.**

**Early Bird Submission Deadline: July 28, 2016**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: August 15, 2016**

Edmonton, Alberta  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Tips for Oral Presentations

- Only the most relevant / captivating aspects of the study should be discussed in the presentations.

## Criteria for Judging Oral Presentations

The judges will evaluate oral presentations based on the following aspects:

- Originality and Significance of the study.
- Relevance of the study to the Structural Engineering community, either industry or research oriented.
- Organization and delivery of the presentation.

## Tips for Poster Presentations

- Text Fonts should be legible.
- The poster should include test results and graphics, and the use of colors to add emphasis.
- The poster should be self-explanatory.

## Criteria for Judging Poster Presentations

- Originality and Significance of the study.
- Relevance of the study to the Structural Engineering community, either industry or research oriented.
- Presentation Medium: Logical layout, Text Legibility and Image Clarity
- Presenter: Organization and delivery of the presentation