ARRB-Monash Transport Research Prize

APPLICATION FORM

ABOUT THE PRIZE

Background:
ARRB Group (formerly the Australian Road Research Board) aims to collaborate with the roads industry to turn knowledge into practice. Since its inception in the 1960's ARRBs work has evolved from an initial focus on high quality road safety, road construction and maintenance practices to cover a diverse range of transport modes and the full range of disciplines now comprising the transport research field.

The prize is administered by the Institute of Transport Studies (ITS) at Monash University on behalf of the ARRB group. The ARRB-Monash Transport Prize was developed in 2009 to promote excellence in postgraduate research in transport and to encourage transport research as a career for young professionals. Its inception was also to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the transport education and research program at Monash University and the impact it has had in developing knowledge, learning and professional development in the transport field.

Awards are made to a single student annually. The intention is for the winner to be announced at a public event, preferably as part of the proceedings of the Ogden Transport Policy Lecture which usually occurs in the 3rd quarter of the year. In 2011 the Ogden Transport Policy Lecture is to be held on 16th August. The prize is awarded through an application procedure and is judged by a panel of senior ARRB and ITS researchers.

Prize Aim:
To promote excellence in postgraduate research in transport. In this context transport research relates to the movement of people or freight and can consider technology, infrastructure, travel behaviour, plans or policies as well as associated economic, social or environmental impacts.

Prize Award:
$3,000 to be used to further the research objectives of the successful candidate. Award includes a framed prize certificate.

Prize Eligibility:
Applicants must be currently enrolled as either full or part time postgraduate research students at Monash University. Students from any research unit, department or faculty are eligible.

Prize Award Criteria:
• Research Impact – relevance and evidence of success of the research in dealing with the challenges being faced in the transport field
• Innovation – evidence of original thinking and methodologies in the research
• Research Difficulty – degree to which the research has been successful in examining areas, method or concepts which are particularly difficult to investigate
• Research Quality – number of publications in high impact refereed quality research journals.

NOTE: Decisions of the prize award panel are final and students will only be eligible to win the prize once during their period of candidature.
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Candidate Details:

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Student ID: ________________________________________________________________

Research Unit,
Department/Faculty: _______________________________________________________

Research Supervisors: _______________________________________________________

Type of Research Degree
Studying for: MSc/ PHd: _____________________________________________________

Full time/ part time: _________________________________________________________

Start Date of the Research: ___________________________________________________

Research Details:

Research Topic (Title/Subject): ________________________________________________

Outline Description of the Research:
Provide a description of your research including the research objectives, methods and the key findings to date. (300 words max)

Research Impact:
Please describe the relevance of the research topic, and evidence of the success of the research, in dealing with the challenges being faced in the transport field (300 words max).

Innovation:
Please describe the evidence of original thinking and methodologies in the research (300 words max).

Research Difficulty:
Please describe research challenges and how you have overcome them in the project (300 words max).

Publications:
Please list all publications directly resulting from the research project. Include full citations and dates of acceptance for in press works. List publications in the following groups; books/book chapters, refereed journal article, refereed conference publication and other publications.

Explain how you will use the award funds to further your research (100 words max).

Powerpoint Slide Summarising Work:
Please include a single powerpoint slide showing your name, project title and outline of the key aims and findings of the project.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Applications MUST be submitted electronically (via email) to: brenda.okeefe@eng.monash.edu.au

If you have questions on the prize, or the application process, please contact Professor Graham Currie, via email to Graham.Currie@monash.edu or via telephone on (03) 9905 5574.

CLOSING DATE FOR 2011 APPLICATIONS IS: FRIDAY 1 JULY 2011