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17th Annual Young Professor Paper Competition - CALL FOR PAPERS

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ABSTRACT PORTAL OPENS: January 12, 2021

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: February 19, 2021

DFI Educational Trust announces the 2021 Young Professor Paper Competition. Full-time entry-level faculty members of an accredited college or university engaged in teaching and/or research in engineering, construction or geological sciences are encouraged to submit a paper for consideration. The author(s) of the winning paper will be invited to attend the DFI 2021 Annual Conference on Deep Foundations in Las Vegas, Nevada, to present the paper. Complimentary conference registration, two nights of lodging, and a \$1,000 stipend for travel expenses will be provided to the winner. The winner and first runner-up will have access to a library of more than 100 industry articles and a complimentary two-year Individual Membership to DFI. The winning paper will be considered for publication in the DFI Journal. Papers are solicited on topics relating to deep foundations design and construction.

Paper Competition Deadlines

- **Friday February 19, 2021:** Abstract Deadline (up to 300-word abstract) [Submit Abstracts Here](#)
- **Friday February 26, 2021:** Abstract Decisions Sent to Authors
- **Friday May 28, 2021:** Draft Paper Deadline (up to 20-page paper) [Upload Papers Here](#)
- **Friday, July 2, 2021:** Winners Announced, and comments returned to authors of all papers.
- **Friday, September 10, 2021:** Final PowerPoint Deadline (winner only)

Please Note

- Professor must be a full-time **entry-level faculty member** teaching or involved in research at an accredited college or university.
- Professional field must be engineering/construction/geological sciences.
- Papers are judged based on draft submissions. Paper must be based on professor's own work and may include contributions from his/her research students as secondary authors.
- [View samples of past winning young professor papers.](#)
- Contact techactivities@dfi.org

Deep Foundations Institute is a not-for-profit association of contractors, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and academia that promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations and excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community. DFI Educational Trust is an independent, non-profit, charitable foundation established by DFI in 2005. It promotes awareness of career opportunities available in the deep foundations construction industry and provides financial assistance for the education of high school and college students pursuing one of these careers.