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19th Annual Student 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 Student Paper Competition. Students studying in the fields of engineering, construction and 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 printed industry articles and a complimentary two-year Individual Membership in 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

- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate or graduate program in engineering/construction/geological sciences fields.
- Papers are judged based on draft submissions. Paper must be based on student's own work and be presented in his/her own writing. Student(s) must be the primary author(s) of the paper. Advisors and project collaborators may be paper co-authors and must attest that the paper reflects the student's own work and writing.
- Multiple students may co-author a single paper submission for the competition but will share the prize should their paper be deemed the winner or runner-up.
- All authors are encouraged to incorporate comments and submit their revised paper for consideration in *DFI Journal*.
- [View samples of past winning student 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.