



Guidelines for the NDI New Investigator Awards of the CSB/SCB

I AWARDS AVAILABLE

1. Three AWARDS will normally be made at each CSB/SCB Congress; the MASTERS STUDENT AWARD, the DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD, and the POST DOCTORATE AWARD for high quality biomechanics research submitted for presentation at the BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF CSB/SCB or at the North American Congress on Biomechanics (NACOB) (held every 6 years).
2. The AWARDS COMMITTEE has the right to make no award in a category if the best applicant's submission is judged to be of unsatisfactory quality for the standards of the CSB/SCS competition.

II ELIGIBILITY

A. A competitor is eligible to receive the MASTERS AWARD If:

1. The competitor is a member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted for a thesis or project while the competitor was enrolled as a MASTERS DEGREE STUDENT.
3. The application for the award is submitted for the CSB/SCB congress which is before or immediately follows the date of the student's graduation, i.e., since the Congress is biennial, an application might be submitted nearly two years following the student's graduation date and still be eligible.
4. The competitor has not won the same award previously.
5. A letter is received by the AWARDS CHAIR from the supervisor (see also below under **Documents Required of Competitors**) stating that the experimental design, execution of the research and paper are essentially the students, even on a multi-authored paper.
6. The competitor is the first author, personally makes the presentation at the Congress and is available to receive the award personally at the

awards ceremony.

7. The competitor meets the conference deadlines for submission of the two-page abstract, and for finalists, the full length of the manuscript.
8. The research has not been published or previously presented at a National or International level congress.

B. A competitor is eligible to receive the DOCTORATE AWARD If:

1. The competitor is a member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted for a dissertation or project while the competitor was enrolled as a DOCTORATE DEGREE STUDENT.
3. Conditions II A 3-8 are met.

C. An Individual Is eligible to receive the POST-DOCTORATE AWARD If:

1. The competitor is a member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted within 5 years prior to the year of the conference and of completing a doctoral degree.
3. The research abstract is submitted no later than the deadline for the CSB/SCB Congress (or NACOB Congress) competition which immediately follows the 5 year anniversary of the student's graduation from a doctoral program.
4. Conditions II A 4 and 6-8 are met.

III DOCUMENTS REQUIRED OF COMPETITORS

1. Competitors will submit all required, additional documentation listed in parts 2B to 2E below (i.e. NOT THE ABSRACT) directly to **David Andrews at dandrews@uwindSOR.ca**, no later than the deadline stated on the call for abstracts (i.e. March 1, 2008). **Applications will not be considered for the awards if the accompanying documentation is not provided.**
2. The documentation will include, as relevant to the AWARD contested:

- A. an abstract in the specified format under the conference submission guidelines which may be accepted for presentation even if not a finalist paper in a competition. **This abstract must be submitted via the conference website.**
- B. a letter addressed to the AWARDS CHAIR indicating which award the person is applying for, and;
- C. a statement of DEGREE enrolment (as a MASTERS or DOCTORATE STUDENT) or POST DOCTORAL employment dates, date of degree conferment (if relevant), institution and name of supervisor (if relevant).
- D. a letter from the student's supervisor (for MASTERS and DOCTORATE AWARDS) stating that the experimental design, execution of the research and the paper are essentially the student's. A letter must also be provided for the POST-DOCTORATE AWARD which outlines where and when the research was conducted, and that the experimental design, execution of the research and the paper are essentially the applicant's. Letters for the POST-DOCTORATE AWARD can be written by people such as current Department Heads, Deans, or workplace Managers.
- E. following the selection of a short list of three finalists for each award, the finalists will be required to submit a full length double space manuscript, ready for submission to a journal, not exceeding 15 pages of text plus references, tables and figures. The deadline for submission will be set by the Awards Committee and will normally be within one month of the Congress.