



International Ergonomics Association (IEA) K.U. Smith Student Award

The IEA K.U. Smith Student Award honors two deserving students responsible for applications of or contributions to ergonomics/human factors (E/HF) worthy of recognition. The next awards will be presented during the IEA 2009 XVIIth Triennial Congress, scheduled to convene August 9–14, 2009, in Beijing, China.

The Award winners each will receive a cash award of US \$3,000. Depending upon need, an additional stipend for travel to the Congress also may be awarded to the winner(s).

Any student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (college, university, technical, or vocational school) worldwide is eligible to apply for the award. All areas of E/HF are eligible for consideration. Examples of applicable projects include an applied E/HF project, a human performance study or analysis, a design project or product, a research project undertaken in the laboratory or field, or a theoretical/conceptual contribution to E/HF.

A student wishing to apply for the award should submit the following to the IEA Student Award Committee:

- (1) The abstract for a paper that the student has authored, that documents an application of or contribution to E/HF on the part of the student.
- (2) A resume for the student, with the student's name, full address, e-mail and phone numbers, institution enrolled in, experience, list of publications, and a summary of accomplishments and/or contributions related to the field of E/HF. The resume should be limited to 4 pages in length.
- (3) A letter from the student's academic advisor on institutional letterhead certifying the following:
 - (1) that the paper described in the abstract was

written by the student applicant; (2) that the student applicant was primarily responsible for the work described in the paper referenced by the abstract, in the case of papers with multiple authors; (3) that the student applicant was enrolled in the academic program at the time that work described in the abstract was carried out; (4) when the work described in the abstract was carried out; (5) that the work described in the abstract was completed after June, 2008; and (6) that the abstract is being submitted for the IEA K.U. Smith Student Award.

Two key provisions pertaining to this award are as follows:

- (1) The research or project described in the paper referenced by the submitted abstract was completed after June, 2008.
- (2) The student applicant was primarily responsible for carrying out the work described in the abstract, in the case of multiple authors for the paper referenced by the abstract.

The IEA Student Award Committee will select the two awardees using a two-stage screening procedure:

- (1) review of abstracts, resumes, and advisor certifications; and
- (2) review of full paper.

Student applicants who have successfully passed the first screening stage will be invited by the IEA Student Award Committee to submit full papers for final selection. Two selection criteria will be used to select the two awardees:

- (1) Quality of contribution to E/HF, as documented in the full paper; and

- (2) Other accomplishments in and/or contributions to E/HF, as described in the resume.

Deadlines for the award process are as follows:

- Oct. 6, 2008: Abstracts, resumes and advisor letters must be received by the IEA Student Award Committee. Email or hard copy submissions are acceptable.
- Nov. 10, 2008: Applicants eligible for submitting full papers will be notified by this date.
- Jan. 12, 2009: Full papers from eligible applicants must be received by the IEA Student Award Committee by this date. Email or hard copy submissions are acceptable.
- Feb. 9, 2009: Applicants informed of results of award evaluation by this date.
- April 1, 2009: Full paper by winners due to IEA 2009 Congress Program Committee by this date (visit <http://www.iea2009.org/wel.html> for details). (NOTE: The IEA 2009 Congress Program Committee will reserve a slot for the award winners to present their papers. The winners do NOT have to meet the Nov. 1, 2008 deadline for submitting paper abstracts. However, the winners must submit their full papers to the IEA 2009 Congress Program Committee by April 1, 2009.)

Submissions should be sent to the Chair of the IEA Student Award Committee:

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**INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS
 ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR
 ENTRIES FOR THE IEA/LIBERTY MUTUAL
 MEDAL**

MADISON, WI, January 29, 2008 – The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) announced today that entries for the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal would be accepted beginning immediately, with a deadline of May 31, 2008. The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal recognizes outstanding original research leading to the reduction of work-related injuries and/or to the advancement of theory, understanding, and development of occupational safety research. In a 2005 report, the International Labor Organization estimates that the global workforce of 2.8 billion persons suffers some 270 million serious non-fatal injuries annually.¹ International Labor Organization.

The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal carries significant recognition, with one application being selected worldwide. The medal has been restructured in 2008, replacing the previous IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal. The new Medal will be awarded annually to the author of an original paper that meets criteria for innovation and impact. This is the most prestigious award of its kind in the field of occupational ergonomics and safety and it carries a stipend of \$10,000. The winner's work will be presented at the IEA's Council meeting being held this summer in Reykjavík, Iceland.

Participants must submit a letter of application detailing a summary of the research methodology and the anticipated contribution to occupational safety together with a research paper that meets the following criteria:

- Original work, containing non-proprietary data, describing laboratory, field, or intervention research
- Be unpublished at the time of submission (submitted for publication is allowed)

¹Decent work – Safe work, Introductory report to the XVIIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, 2005.

- Be thirty pages or less, single-spaced using point size 12 with 1 inch margins

Papers should describe the aims of the research, the study methodology, results and discuss its implications for risk reduction. Additionally, it should indicate the contributions of the research to theory, i.e., how the work has advanced the understanding of the causes of accidents and/or ability to mitigate occupational injuries or disability

Applications will be accepted after today. The deadline for all submissions is May 31, 2008. An international review committee, established by the IEA, will select the winning contribution. Persons wishing to be considered for the 2008 prize should submit an application to the IEA Awards Committee Chair at the following address:

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Applicants will be notified of the results by mid-July. Announcement of the award winner will be made public on August 31, 2008.

Past recipients of the IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and Medal have included:

Mutual Prize In Ergonomics and Occupational Safety:

- 1998: Andrew Imada, USA
- 1999: Shirley Ann Gibbs, Australia.
- 2000: Peter J. McAlindon

- 2001: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2002: H. Hsiao, B Bradtmiller & J. Whitestone
- 2003: William S. Marras, Sue A. Ferguson, Deborah Burr, Kermit G. Davis and Purnendu Gupta
- 2004: David DeJoy, USA
- 2006: D.M. Rempel, N. Krause, R. Goldberg, D. Benner, M. Hudes, and G.U. Goldner

The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal in Ergonomics and Occupational Safety:

- 2000: Andrew Imada, USA
- 2003: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2006: D.M. DeJoy

Additional information on the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal can be found at: http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=libertymutual_prize. For a list of frequently asked questions about the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal, please visit: <http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=faq>.

The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) is the federation of ergonomics and human factors societies from around the world. The mission of the IEA is to elaborate and advance ergonomics science and practice, and to improve the quality of life by expanding its scope of application and contribution to society. For more information on the IEA, please visit www.iea.cc.

The Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety is an internationally recognized research facility dedicated to advances in scientific knowledge in the areas of occupational injury and disability prevention. Located near Boston, USA, the Institute publishes the results of its research in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. For more information, please visit www.libertymutualresearch.com.