



**AMERICAN WATER
RESOURCES ASSOCIATION**

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2015 J. Paul Riley AWRA Utah Section Student Paper Competition

Objective: provide forum for students from Utah's colleges and universities interested in water resources from all academic areas to come together with faculty members, researchers, and practitioners and present their water resources research results.

Cost: Free! (refreshments will be served!)

Location: BYU Salt Lake Center, Rm 402 (<http://ce.byu.edu/sl/>)

Date/Time: Monday, April 13, 2015, 12:30-5:00 PM

Scholarship Awards: \$500 scholarships awarded to each division winner (Undergraduate, Master/Law/Other, Doctorate) and \$250 scholarships awarded to authors of papers selected for presentation at the conference.

Paper Submission Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2015

Student Conference Organizers:

BYU: Dr. Gus Williams (gus.williams@byu.edu; 801-422-7810)

USU: Dr. David Rosenberg (david.rosenberg@usu.edu; 435-797-8689)

U of U: Dr. Steve Burian (burian@eng.utah.edu; 801-585-5721)

Competition Requirements

The competition is open to students enrolled at bachelor degree-granting institutions within the state of Utah. The competition requires a brief written manuscript authored by one or more students AND, if selected, an oral presentation presented by one or more of the students. The manuscript must be principally the work and writing of the first student author. Student advisors are permitted to guide the research and provide suggestions, but may not provide contributions to the paper writing and may not be co-authors. The manuscript and presentation must fully describe research, analysis, development, or project on a topic related to water resources. AWRA is a multidisciplinary organization, so papers on all topics related to water resources are welcome.

Format: The appropriate category (Undergraduate, Master/Law/Other, Doctorate) of the paper must be clearly stated on the cover page. Submitted papers must use a 12 pt font (Times Roman), be double-spaced with at least 1-inch margins, and printing on one side of the paper only. Papers, including figures, tables and references, must not exceed 15 pages (approximately 4000 words) in length. Illustrations, figures and tables are encouraged where appropriate for the topic and should be neat, clean, and clearly marked either inserted in the text or clearly labeled at the end. For scientific papers, references should be arranged alphabetically at the end following the bibliographic style used in the *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*. For law papers, references should follow a footnote style according to the *Harvard Bluebook* citation method. All cover pages to the papers must provide an author listing and include a short paragraph that explains the contributions of each listed co-author (as is done in the journal *Science*). The cover page may not exceed one page, and is not counted against the 15 page paper limit. It is important to stress, submitted manuscripts must be principally the work of the first author.

Electronic paper submission. All papers must be submitted electronically to Steve Burian (steve.burian@utah.edu) before 5:00 PM, Friday, March 20, 2015 in the format described. The complete paper (figures, tables and all) should be integrated into a single Adobe PDF file. Authors will be notified of their acceptance for presentation in the conference competition on or before Monday, March 30, 2015.

Oral Presentations

To be awarded the prize a presentation must be made at the AWRA Utah Section Student Conference at Brigham Young University (April 13, 2015, time to be determined). At the conference, each presenter will be limited to 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes allocated for questions. Presentations should describe the work clearly, underscoring important aspects and conclusions. Computer projectors and a laptop computer will be available for PowerPoint, Prezi, or other types of presentations.

The authors of the winning papers may be invited to present their papers during the luncheon session of the Annual Conference of the Utah Section of AWRA on May 12, 2015 at the Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower on the University of Utah campus.