



## Call for Nominations

# IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) 2026

The Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) is awarded to recognise the best recent results in applied networking, interesting new research ideas of potential relevance to the Internet standards community, and upcoming people that are likely to have an impact on Internet standards and technologies, with a particular focus on cases where these people or ideas would not otherwise get much exposure or be able to participate in the discussion.

We encourage nominations of researchers with relevant research results, interesting ideas, and new perspectives. The award will offer them the opportunity to present and discuss their work with the engineers, network operators, policy makers, and scientists that participate in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and its research arm, the Internet Research Task Force (IRTF). Both self- and third-party nominations for this prize are encouraged.

The Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) consists of:

- a cash prize of \$1000 (USD)
- an invited talk at the IRTF Open Meeting
- a travel grant to attend a week-long IETF meeting (airfare, hotel, registration, stipend)
- recognition at the IETF plenary
- an invitation to related social activities

In addition, prize winners may be offered additional travel grants to attend future IETF and/or IRTF meetings. Such grants are made at the discretion of the award committee, based on community feedback, engagement with the community, and potential future impact.

Applied Networking Research Prize awards are made once per calendar year. Each year, several winners will be chosen and invited to present their work at one of the three IETF meetings during the following year.

## How to Nominate

Nominations are for a single author of an original, peer-reviewed, journal, conference or workshop paper that was recently published or accepted for publication. The nominee must be one of the main authors of the nominated paper. Both self-nominations (nominating one's own work) and third-party nominations (nominating someone else, with their permission) are encouraged.

The nominated paper should provide a scientific foundation for possible future engineering work in the IETF, or research and experimentation in the IRTF. It should analyse the behaviour of

Internet protocols in real-world deployments or realistic testbeds, make an important contribution to understanding the scalability, performance, reliability, security or capabilities of the Internet, or otherwise be of relevance to ongoing or future IETF or IRTF activities.

Nominations must state how the nominated paper relates to these goals. They should describe how involving the nominee in the IETF and IRTF process, and bringing them to an IETF meeting, would help to foster the transition of the results and/or ideas into new IETF engineering work or IRTF experimentation, or otherwise seed new activities that will have an impact on the real-world Internet.

The goal of the ANRP is to foster the transitioning of research results into real-world benefits for the Internet. Therefore, applicants must indicate that they (or the nominee, in case of third-party nominations) are available to attend at least one of the IETF meetings in the following year.

**Nominations are submitted via <https://www.irtf.org/anrp/> and must include:**

- the name and email address of the nominee;
- a bibliographic reference to the published (or accepted) nominated paper;
- a PDF copy of the nominated paper;
- a statement that describes how the nominated paper fulfils the goals of the award and how the nominee would engage with the IETF and/or IRTF community;
- a statement of the nominee's availability to present their work at the IETF meetings in during 2025;
- a statement that the nominee accepts that the IRTF Intellectual Property Rights disclosure rules will apply to their award talk at the IRTF open meeting;
- a brief biography or CV for the nominee; and optionally, any other supporting information (link to nominee's web site, etc.)

All nominees will be notified by email about the decision regarding their nomination. Nominations for the Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) are not considered to be contributions to the IETF or IRTF. However, the invited talks at the IRTF Open Meeting are considered to be contributions and the IRTF Intellectual Property Rights disclosure rules apply.

## Important Dates

Nominations open:	01 October 2025
<b>Nomination deadline:</b>	<b>17 November 2025</b>
Notifications:	05 January 2025

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