



## 2017 MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition

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Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research  
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The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research invites eligible students to enter the association's MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition. Two winning papers, one in public opinion and the other in survey research methodology, will receive an award of \$200, one free conference registration and one free ticket to the Friday MAPOR luncheon. The winning papers also will be accepted for presentation during a session at the May 2018 AAPOR conference in Denver, Colorado.

### **Eligibility**

For the purposes of this competition, a student is someone enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at the time of the conference. A paper authored by more than one person is considered a student paper only if all authors are students according to the above definition. Students need not be members of MAPOR.

The topic of the paper must fall under one or both of MAPOR's general areas of scholarship, which are (1) public opinion and (2) research methods in public opinion research. When submitting, the author(s) must indicate the topic for which the paper should be considered. The papers need not be quantitative nor must they report data in order to qualify for consideration in this competition. Each student can submit only one paper to the competition.

### **Procedure**

1. Submit an abstract to the MAPOR conference at [mapor.org/AbstractSubmission](http://mapor.org/AbstractSubmission). In addition to a title and abstract, you will be asked to provide the name, institutional affiliation, and email address for all authors. References are not required, and exemplar abstracts are featured in the abstract submission site. Abstracts can be submitted until **11:59pm CDT on Friday, June 30, 2017**. Students must provide the name and e-mail address of a faculty mentor when submitting their abstract.
2. Students whose papers have been accepted for the 2017 conference can have their papers considered for MAPOR's Fellows Student Paper Competition. Full papers must be sent in Word format to Joe Murphy ([jmurphy@rti.org](mailto:jmurphy@rti.org)) and Julie Andsager ([jandsage@utk.edu](mailto:jandsage@utk.edu)) by 11:59pm CDT, September 15, 2017. All papers are capped at 6,500 words (minus title page, abstract, tables, references, and appendices) and must include all information described on page 2 (under the AAPOR Code of Professional Ethics & Practices). All papers must be fully blinded, and the email accompanying the submission must include: (1) the names and email addresses of all authors; (2) the USPS address, phone number, and email address of the contact author; and (3) the name and email address of the faculty sponsor for the paper. Faculty sponsors are required to send a brief endorsement (25 words or fewer) directly to Joe Murphy and Julie Andsager by the deadline.

A committee composed of MAPOR Fellows will judge all papers submitted to the competition. Winners will be announced at the Friday Awards Session.

### **AAPOR Code of Professional Ethics & Practices**

All submissions must abide by the AAPOR Code of Professional Ethics & Practices. Manuscripts that make use of survey data must include, at minimum, the information below from Section III-A of the Code:

A.... [I]nclude the following items in any report of research results or make them available immediately upon release of that report.

1. Who sponsored the research study, who conducted it, and who funded it, including, to the extent known, all original funding sources.
2. The exact wording and presentation of questions and responses whose results are reported.
3. A definition of the population under study, its geographic location, and a description of the sampling frame used to identify this population. If the sampling frame was provided by a third party, the supplier shall be named. If no frame or list was utilized, this shall be indicated.
4. A description of the sample design, giving a clear indication of the method by which the respondents were selected (or self-selected) and recruited, along with any quotas or additional sample selection criteria applied within the survey instrument or post-fielding. The description of the sampling frame and sample design should include sufficient detail to determine whether the respondents were selected using probability or non-probability methods.
5. Sample sizes and a discussion of the precision of the findings, including estimates of sampling error for probability samples and a description of the variables used in any weighting or estimating procedures. The discussion of the precision of the findings should state whether or not the reported margins of sampling error or statistical analyses have been adjusted for the design effect due to clustering and weighting, if any.
6. Which results are based on parts of the sample, rather than on the total sample, and the size of such parts.
7. Method and dates of data collection.

All submissions must include the following:

8. The response rate and details of its calculation (if response rate is not appropriate, the refusal rate). Accurate reporting of the response rate requires consulting the AAPOR Standard Definitions ([aapor.org](http://aapor.org)), to identify the appropriate response rate definition. If the AAPOR recommendations are not followed, authors should explain why a nonstandard approach was employed.
9. For models fitted to the data, the equations of the models should be presented, including the numerical values of the parameter estimates, the respective standard errors, and goodness-of-fit statistics for the model.

In addition, authors need to agree to make other specific information about the study available within 30 days of any request for such materials. This information is listed in Section III-B of the Code located at [aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/AAPOR-Code-of-Ethics](http://aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/AAPOR-Code-of-Ethics)