

YP&WIE at ITSC 2026-Call for Thesis Competition: Showcase Your Research!

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Are you a PhD or Master's student pushing the boundaries of ITS? Don't let your groundbreaking work stay hidden in a library. Join the IEEE ITSC 2026 Thesis Competition sponsored by YP & WIE and compete for global recognition!

Why Participate?

The IEEE ITSC 2026 Thesis Competition provides a unique stage to present your research to world-class experts, industry leaders, and fellow innovators. It is designed to challenge your ability to communicate complex technical concepts with clarity and passion.

Recognition

Official IEEE Excellence Certificate for the best PhD and Master's thesis

Eligibility & Requirements

1. **IEEE Membership:** Must be an active IEEE Student/Graduate Member.
2. **Recent Graduate/Candidate:** Thesis must be defended (or expected) between 1 January 2026 and March 31 2027
3. **Topic Alignment:** Research must fall within the IEEE ITSC 2026 technical scope.

Regulations and Judging Criteria

The winner of the award will be determined in two steps.

1. The Board of three selected distinguished Experts will evaluate the submitted material and identify a shortlist of six candidates. The selection process will be based on the following criteria with respect to the ITS:
 - Scientific relevance
 - Originality of the work
 - Methodological rigor
 - Practical Impact and Applicability
 - Width and depth of the covered topics
 - Clarity and organization of the thesis
2. During the “Intelligent Mobility Systems: A Workshop for Emerging Engineers – Opportunities and Challenges” @ ITSC2026 in Naples, the selected candidates will be invited to present their work to the jury, composed of the workshop round table participants. The presentation will be a 3 minute pitch, **where communication skills are the primary focus of assessment.**

Clarity, engagement, and ability to reach a non-specialist audience will be considered by the jury in the final evaluation.

Important Dates

- **Submissions Open:** April 15th
- **Submission Deadline:** June 15th
- **Finalist Announcement:** July 15th

Live Finals & Award Ceremony: The winner of the Thesis Competition will be announced during the YP & WIE Night with Coaches EVENT !

How to Enter

Submit your application now including:

- **One-Page Summary** (a thesis abstract of max 1000 words) clearly outlining the problem, methodology, and key contributions
 - **PhD Thesis** (link to the thesis)
 - **Supervisor Letter:** A brief endorsement from your primary advisor.
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