

INDIANA ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH (INAIR) BEST PAPER AWARD



Purpose

In an attempt to provide continued professional development opportunities for its members, the Indiana Association for Institutional Research has established an **INAIR Best Paper Award**. This opportunity is open to all affiliate members who are interested in developing a paper for possible publication in one of the many publishing outlets in institutional research and higher education. Papers submitted for consideration must meet the necessary criteria in order to be considered. The criteria are outlined below.

The paper selected annually to receive the INAIR Best Paper Award will be posted on the INAIR website. In addition, the INAIR conference registration fee will be waived for the conference following the receipt of the award.

This opportunity is not intended to replace the INAIR Best Presentation Award presented each year to the paper, panel, or workshop rated highest by conference attendees. That peer recognition award will continue parallel to the Best Paper Award.

Criteria for Judging

Papers will be evaluated according to two sets of criteria: content and substance.

Content

- Literature review
- Methodology
- Data/information sources
- Results
- Conclusions and implications for future research or current practice

Substance

- Degree of importance, relevance to, and innovativeness in the field of institutional research
- Soundness of the methodology, and validity of the statistical analysis employed and the conclusions reached
- Logical organization and writing
- Usefulness of the information and generalizability to the field of institutional research
- Topic is of practical use

Manuscript Guidelines

Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced throughout, including block quotes and references, and each page should be numbered consecutively. An electronic copy of the manuscript must be submitted for review. The name(s), institutional affiliation, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the author(s) should appear on a separate cover page to assure anonymity in the review process. Authors should not place their names on the manuscript and should obscure identifiable citations. Manuscripts typically should not exceed thirty (30) pages in length, including references and biography. An abstract of more than 100 words is required. Authors should follow the editorial guidelines as cited in the current (6th) edition of Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Deadlines

To be considered for the 2023 INAIR Best Paper Award, manuscripts must be received by **May 31, 2024**.

Miscellaneous

Papers submitted for consideration for INAIR Best Paper Award may also be submitted as conference papers for the association's annual meetings. In general, the Best Paper review committee will not automatically consider papers presented at the association's annual meeting unless submitted for that particular purpose. INAIR Best Paper Award manuscripts and all correspondence relative to the INAIR Best Paper Award or criteria should be addressed to the Conference Planning Member at Large David Robledo, drobledo@purdue.edu.