

Registration Fee Waiver and Best Paper Award for Graduate Students

AP Conference 2021 offers graduate students opportunities for the registration fee to be waived. In addition there is another opportunity to be considered for a Best Paper Award with the aim of encouraging paper submissions by junior researchers.

1. Registration fee waiver

1.1. Eligibility

Applicants must meet all conditions below to be eligible for the waiver. The successful applicants will be notified at the time of the abstract results notification (in early August).

- Be full-time graduate students as of May 31, 2021 who will register to present in English as the main author at the AP Conference 2021.
- If there are co-authors, they must be full-time students as of May 31, 2021
- The author and co-author(s) who apply for the Best Paper Award must be graduate students as of May 31, 2021.
- Individuals unable to present on the day of conference are not eligible.
- Complete an application to AP Conference by June 30, 2021, and pass the abstract screening.
- Submit a full conference paper by Friday, Aug 20, 2021.
- Those who have ever been granted the Best Paper Award are not eligible.

1.2. Full Conference Paper Submission Guidelines

- Language: English
- Format & Size: Microsoft Word, A4
- Style: [APA style compliant](#)
- Abstract: 200 words with four to six keywords
- Length of paper: approximately **5,000** words not including the references
- Footnotes: keep to a minimum and use a sequential order with superscript numbers at the bottom of the page. Only cited works should be completely included in the references section.
- Those who pass the abstract screening but do not submit a full paper will be required to pay the registration fee.
- Those who submit a full paper after the designated deadline will not be eligible for the registration fee waiver for any reason.

- Those who submit a full paper after paying the registration fee will not be eligible for the registration fee waiver.

2. Best Paper Award

- The submitted papers must not have been published elsewhere.
- The Conference Committee selects the Best Paper(s).

Awarded papers may be considered for publication in the Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies. (Please refer to <https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/rjaps/list/-char/en> for the Best Paper at AP Conference 2019.)

3. Schedules (Tentative)

June 30 (Wed)	Deadline for application submission (conference registration)
Early August	Abstract results announcement
August 20 (Fri)	Deadline for full paper submission
October	Best Paper Award results announcement
December	Best Paper Award will be given.