

COSPAR Outstanding Paper Award for Young Scientists

Terms of Reference

1. Candidate authors must be under 31 years of age at the time the manuscript is submitted for publication in *Advances in Space Research*.
2. Candidates must be the first author, although multiple author and co-first author papers are eligible.
3. Papers will be eligible for consideration if published in final form (with volume and page numbers) during the two calendar years preceding the COSPAR Assembly at which the award winners will be announced.
4. One award recipient will be selected from among a minimum of five eligible papers per Commission/Panel. Commissions/Panels may recommend up to one additional recipient for every ten eligible papers. If fewer than five eligible papers, Commissions/Panels may recommend a truly outstanding paper for consideration by the Publications Committee.
5. General guidelines for ranking of eligible papers are the following criteria: 1) scientific value, 2) originality of the research, 3) clarity in overall presentation of applied methodology and main results, 4) quality of figures, if applicable.
6. The Editor-in-Chief and Co-editors will assign eligible papers to the Scientific Commissions/Panels and may propose rankings or recommendations.
7. The COSPAR Secretariat will make eligible papers available to the Chairs of Scientific Commissions/Panels and their elected officers, requesting a single recommendation per Scientific Commission/Panel, to be submitted by the Chairs to the Publications Committee in the form of rankings.
8. The Publications Committee, based on the advice from the Commission/Panel Chairs, will recommend recipients for the award to the Bureau.
9. Authors are asked to identify themselves if they wish to be considered for the award (through the submission procedure).
10. The Outstanding Paper Awards shall consist of certificates similar to those awarded to recipients of other COSPAR honors and may be supplemented by other prizes, e.g., a copy of the issue of *ASR* in which the winners' papers appear.
11. Generally, awardees, if present, will receive the certificates at the relevant Commission/Panel business meetings of the Scientific Assembly following selection.
12. The names of the awardees of the Outstanding Paper award for Young Scientists will be published in *Space Research Today*. In addition, the awardees will be invited to submit short descriptions of their research to *Space Research Today*.

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