



COSPAR Outstanding Paper Award for Young Scientists

Terms of Reference

1. Candidate authors must be under 31 years of age at the time of submission of the manuscript for publication in *Advances in Space Research* or in *Life Sciences in Space Research*.
2. Candidates must be first authors, although multiple author papers are eligible.
3. Papers will be eligible for consideration if they are published in final form (with volume and page numbers) during the calendar year preceding the year in which the Awards are to be bestowed.
4. Authors wishing to be considered for this Award will be asked to identify themselves through the publisher interface during the manuscript submission process.
5. The Chairs of COSPAR Scientific Commissions, Panels, and stand-alone Task Groups may send at any moment during each Award cycle suggestions for authors they wish to be considered to the Editor in Chief of either journal.
6. General criteria for ranking of eligible papers are the following: (1) scientific value; (2) originality of the research; (3) clarity in overall presentation of scientific methodology and main results; and (4) quality of the figures, tables or electronic supplements, when applicable.
7. The Editor-in-Chief of each journal may recommend up to one recipient for every ten eligible papers.
8. The Editor-in-Chief of each journal will send the proposed selection to the COSPAR Secretariat and to the COSPAR Publications Committee.
9. The Publications Committee, based on the lists of recommended authors from the Editors-in-Chief, will recommend recipients for the Award to the Bureau which will take the final decision on attribution of the awards.
10. The Outstanding Paper Awards shall consist of certificates similar to those awarded to recipients of other COSPAR honors.
11. The names of the awardees of the Outstanding Paper Award for Young Scientists will be announced by appropriate means. In addition, the awardees will be invited to submit short descriptions of their research to *Space Research Today*.

As approved by the COSPAR Bureau.

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