



**IEEE Region 3 SoutheastCon
Student Presentation Competition**
Guidelines



1. About the Competition

The Region 3 Student Branch Presentation Competition allows students the opportunity to refine their technical presentation skills. All finalists presenting at SoutheastCon must first submit an abstract by the deadline below and be registered for the conference

- The student presentation competition will have two categories:
 - a) Undergraduate, b) Graduate presentations.

1.1. Overview

The SoutheastCon 2024 Presentation Competition encourages students to present ongoing research, capstone projects, personal projects or any topic of your choice. This competition places emphasis on the participants' effectiveness in communicating scientific ideas to an audience. This competition is totally separate from the Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) paper presentation competition.



1.2. Purpose/Objectives

Allows students the opportunity to refine their technical presentation skills.

1.3. Format

During the conference, the competition will be made up of 3 separate sessions: A Workshop, a Practice Round, and the Competition.

- **Presentations Skills Workshop Session (FRIDAY AFTERNOON):** The Student Activities Committee will host a 2–3 hour workshop on Friday afternoon to teach students how to successfully create a technical presentation. The workshop and practice sessions (below) are open to all students interested in improving their presentation skills. Details for the judging criteria will be discussed during this session.



1.3. Format

- **Practice Round (FRIDAY EVENING):** Through the use of breakout sessions, students will have the opportunity to implement what they learned during the Workshop Session by presenting to peers or professionals. Students will receive constructive criticism to help them prepare for the competition.
- **Presentation Competition (SATURDAY MORNING):** Teams will present before a panel of judges. The winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet.



2. Rules and Regulations

2.1. Eligibility

- All participants must be registered for IEEE SoutheastCon at: <https://ieeesoutheastcon.org/>.
- Contestants must submit the abstract using the link provided. The abstract should not have been used in EDAS and should only have ONE student author (NO additional co-authors are allowed).
- All finalists must attend the workshop during the event.
- Finalists will be selected by their abstract entry and notified accordingly.
- The research presented in this presentation competition will NOT be published in IEEE Xplore and you are at liberty to choose a topic of interest for presentation. If you already have an existing paper in EDAS for review then you are not allowed to use the same topic/content for this presentation competition but you can use a slight modification of your EDAS submitted work.



2.2. Guidelines

Students participating in the presentation competition will have to submit an abstract in the template provided for the presentation. The abstract will be reviewed, and selected candidates will be notified of the acceptance of the abstract. The abstract will have one student author. Multiple student authors per presentation will not be allowed. The selected students will be required to provide a 5-minute presentation of their project at the conference. All presentation will be carried out in person.

- Presentation Preparation
 - Students will need to create their presentation, based on the approved abstract, before the competition.



2.2. Guidelines

- Presentation Format
 - Students will be required to provide a 5-minute presentation of their work at the conference during an assigned time slot. All presentations will be carried out in person at the venue.
 - A Q&A session of 3–5 minutes will be allowed by the judge panel. Only judges may ask the participants questions during this time.
 - The order of the presentations will be decided by a random draw prior to the competition.
- Deliverables
 - Contestants should be prepared to provide the following prior to their presentations:
 - 4 printed copies of the presentation to the judges.
 - 1 pdf soft copy to the competition organizer at: ieeer3sac@gmail.com.



2.3. Submission Requirements

Contestants must submit an abstract which should not be longer than one page and written using the IEEE template. The abstracts are to be submitted using a Google Form.

2.4. Timeline

- January 1st: Competition rules are posted.
- February 1st: Registration for the Competition opens.
- March: Competition occurs at SoutheastCon.

2.5. Judging Criteria

Disqualifications may be made by mutual consent of the judging panel and Head Judge. Causes include, but are not limited to, unethical behavior during the competition and academic dishonesty.



3. Logistics

3.1. Registration Process

Competition registrations happen through a Google form in the format of this [Team Registration Form](#).

3.2. Location

Competition will be held on-site at the SoutheastCon.

Onsite Student Competition participant (one per branch) at \$50/day, 2.5 days maximum. Further details on funding support can be found at <https://ieeesoutheastcon.org/travel-and-funding-support/>.

3.3. Requirements

Presentation Rooms should be equipped with basic Audio / Visual needs (e.g. screen, projector, HDMI, VGA cable, computer with Microsoft Office Suite). Presenters will need to provide any additional aides.

The presentations will be open to the public.

3.4. Awards

Each category will have three awards: First, Second, and Third.

