

Best Paper Award for Graduate Students

AP Conference 2023 offers a registration fee waiver to those graduate students who apply for the Best Paper Award. The aim is to encourage junior researchers to submit a full paper.

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 July).

- Be full-time graduate students as of May 31, 2023, who will register to present in English as the main author at the AP Conference 2023.
- If there are co-authors, they must be full-time students as of May 31, 2023.
- Graduate students unable to present on the day of the conference are not eligible.
- Complete an application to AP Conference by May 31, 2023, and pass the abstract screening.
- Those who have ever been granted the Best Paper Award are not eligible.
- The submitted papers must not have been published elsewhere.

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 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.
- **Submit a full conference paper by July 31, 2023 to apconf@apu.ac.jp.**

2. Best Paper Award

- The conference committee selects the best paper(s).
- Awarded papers may be considered for publication in the Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies.

3. Schedules (Tentative)

May 31	Deadline for application submission (conference registration)
July	Abstract results announcement
July 31	Deadline for full paper submission
October	Best Paper Award results announcement
December	Best Paper Award will be given.