



The Institution of
Engineering and Technology



Student Competition: Cash Prizes and Travel Opportunities!

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (www.theiet.org) is holding a **Present Around the World Competition** open to all walks of engineering life: students, recent graduates, apprentices and young professionals between 18 and 30 years of age. It is a global competition open to young professionals and students within engineering & related fields to develop and showcase their presentation skills. First place receives \$260, Second place receives \$175, and the winner receives an all-expenses paid trip to California, LA on August 10, 2019 to compete in the Americas final. The Americas winner will compete in the global final in London, UK in November 2019.

The 2019 Vancouver PATW event has been confirmed for **May 11, 2019 (Saturday) at 1:00 pm** in **Room 2020 of the Fred Kaiser Building, 2332 Main Mall, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1Z4.**

Competitors are asked to make a 10-minute slideshow presentation on any science or engineering subject. The presentation can be on a co-op experience, a research project, an internship, or really anything that is related to science or engineering. Judging is based on the presenter's presentation skills (70%) and its technical content (30%). Competitors should **submit the attached application form including a brief synopsis of their presentation (100 - 200 words) latest by May 4, 2019 (Saturday).**

Please contact Dr. Suresh Vishwakarma, PATW Coordinator at ietrepresentativewesterncanada@gmail.com to register. More details available at www.theiet.org/patw.

Thank you,

PATW Team 2019



Briefing notes for potential competitors

Present around the World (PATW) is the IET's presentation competition for students, recent graduates, apprentices and young professionals aged 18 to 30.

Competitors are asked to give a presentation for 10 minutes on a subject related to engineering and technology, and to answer questions for a further five minutes.

To make it even easier, it is perfectly acceptable to use your final year project presentation, a presentation from your graduate scheme or any other presentation which you already have.

The event is mainly to judge presentation skills although the topic should be appropriate to the intended audience of students and young professionals.

The prizes are \$ 260 for the winner and \$ 175 for the runner-up. The runner-up prize will only be awarded if there are four or more competitors (maximum of eight).

The winner will also qualify for the later stages of the worldwide competition, which offer greater prize money and the opportunity to travel.

Competitors should provide a brief synopsis of their presentation (100-200 words) latest by Saturday, May 4, 2019. This will be used in event material, be provided to the judges, and then submitted as part of the entry to later stages of the competition.

There will be three judges who will assess the presentations then decide on a winner and runner-up.

The presentation room most probably will have a raised platform, with a microphone system provided for the speakers. A laptop and video projector will be provided as standard, and the competitors will be asked to provide a USB stick with their presentation already uploaded on, or to email their presentation in advance. Any additional equipment will need to be provided by the presenter.

Someone from your LN or Young Professionals' Section Committee will chair the event. During each presentation, the chair will indicate the time after eight minutes and then again after ten minutes. The speaker should then finish the presentation as quickly as possible. If necessary, the chair will interrupt the speaker and ask them to stop immediately.

Tips for potential competitors

- 1) Minimize text, you are going to tell the audience what they need to know (so do not have them read it as well).
- 2) Pace yourself, 1 slide per minute is a good general pace.
- 3) Speak clearly/loudly.
- 4) Do not fidget, keep your hands in one place except for intentional motions (and don't shift your body weight back and forth).
- 5) Take your time, pauses make a clear impact and allow you to collect your thoughts.
- 6) Remember your audience, though it will be mostly a technical audience there will be a range of backgrounds and not everyone may know the basis of your topic.
- 7) Don't get lost in the details; a 10-minute presentation is hard to get a lot of detail in. I suggest you focus on an overview of your topic (or one specific aspect of it).
- 8) Why? With these presentations the application is generally what peaks most interests, so why is your topic great?
- 9) Interdisciplinary topics: if your topic is not a core engineering topic, then please ensure you explain the non-engineering basics.