

6th POMS Applied Research Challenge

The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) invites submissions to the **6th POMS Applied Research Challenge**. This biennial competition was established in 2012 as a way to encourage POMS members (faculty and students) to conduct rigorous applied research that is innovative and relevant to practice (see [past winners](#)).

The 6th edition of the competition is underway and for that purpose POMS has formed a Practitioner Judge Panel composed of recognized practice leaders: **Corey Billington** (Founding partner, e3 Associates; former Vice President, HP; University of Wyoming); **Srinivas Bollapragada** (Chief Engineer, GE Global Research; former Editor-in-Chief, Interfaces); and **Dino Petrarolo** (VP POMS Africa/Middle East; CEO, CCI-GrowthCon & NrG). Submissions of any operations-related research topic are welcome but the work must make a convincing case of its relevance to practice.

The finalists and the winner will be selected after two review cycles:

1. The first review cycle will be conducted by an academic panel comprising **Felipe Caro** (UCLA, competition chair), **Feryal Erhun** (University of Cambridge), **Srinagesh Gavirneni** (Cornell), and **ManMohan Sodhi** (City University London). This academic panel will select the finalists by March 1, 2024.
2. The finalists will be invited to present at the POMS 2024 Annual Meeting and the Practitioner Judge Panel will select the winner, which will be announced at the conference. All finalists will receive a plaque and will be invited to a fast-track submission of their work in the society's flagship journal: *Production and Operations Management (POM)*. The first prize is also accompanied by \$2,000 for the authors. Submitting the article to *POM* is strongly encouraged but it is not a requisite to participate in the competition.

Selection criteria: innovative ideas, rigorous analysis (empirical, analytical, or behavioral), managerial insights, implementable ideas, and impact on practice/research.

Process for entering the 6th POMS Applied Research Challenge: Please submit your research article to POMS.ARC@gmail.com by **December 15, 2023**. Papers must be unpublished, double-blinded, and should follow the POM submission guidelines. Also, authors in the email should express their intention to attend the POMS 2024 conference if selected as finalist, and must indicate whether they will have any support from an industry partner either in person or through a statement (e.g., in a video).

Please refer any questions to Felipe Caro (competition chair): felipe.caro@anderson.ucla.edu