

TBSr Award for Scholarship in Information Technology

The Technology in Business School Roundtable (TBSr) was formed in 2004 to advance issues of improving technology in member business schools through collaboration. To that end TBSr members have created a variety of innovative programs that leverage the individual experience of members into a massive and easily accessible resource for researching and implementing solutions to technology issues across the board. The success of the TBSr program is evident as over 100 schools are now members and the number continues to grow.

TBSr now proposes an additional program that will extend to the student population of member schools. Briefly, the program will stimulate students to comment on relevant technology issues from a different point of view than IT administrators. As the audience and sole paying customers of IT at most universities, student issues, expressed in their own words, should be a valuable input to IT administrators.

The basic outline of the program is:

- TBSr will sponsor up to 5 annual “TBSr Innovation Awards for Students”.
- Each award will be a cash payment of up to \$1,000
- The school hosting the TBSr Annual Meeting will have favored selection status for up to two Awards.
- Students from all TBSr member schools will be encouraged to submit papers to their TBSr member representative at least 60 days in advance of the Annual Meeting for which the paper is being considered.
- A special TBS Award Board, designated on an annual basis by the TBSr Board, will consider the merit of each paper and select winning submissions.
- The individuals authoring the winning submissions will present their submission at the appropriate Annual Meeting and receive their award.

Amplifying details:

Regarding the number and amount of annual awards:

- The actual awards can be from zero to five annually depending on the number and quality of submissions. The Award Committee is not required to select a minimum number and has the prerogative to select any number from 0 to 5 as appropriate.
- The amount of each individual award can be from \$0 to \$1,000 as appropriate. The award amount will be decided by the Award Committee with approval from the TBSr Treasurer. Presumably the amounts of the award will consider the quality of a winning submission, the number of winning submission and the amount of TBSr funds available that year to support the program.
- The Award Committee is not required to gift winning presentations equally. For example, there may be a first, second or third award amount if the Award Committee elects to do so.

Regarding the submissions:

- For each year’s award the TBSr Board may elect to set topics or parameters for submissions or may leave the subject field completely open.

- Quality in terms of comprehensiveness and innovation will be the exclusive and sole factor determining a winning submission with the exception that the Host School may suggest deferential approval for up to two submission. Nevertheless, final award approval is the responsibility of the Awards Committee.
- TBSr will accept submissions from undergrad and graduate schools that are full members of TBSr.
- There is no limit on the number of submissions from any member school.
- There is no limit on the number of student collaborators for any one submission. Any submission may be the result of individual work or work of a group of students.
- The name and role of each individual participating in preparing the submission, whether eligible for a monetary award or not, must be clearly indicated.
- Student participants may solicit guidance from non-student sources such as a faculty member or an IT vendor, but the resulting submission must clearly reflect the student(s) own independent work and innovative use of any source material.
- TBSr members who participate in forming a student(s) submission must exclude themselves from participation as a member of the Awards Committee.
- There is no limit on the number of winners that could be selected from any single member school with the exception that the Annual Meeting Host School will have deferential approval for up to 2 qualified submissions. The Host member will indicate to the Awards Committee any participant submissions they feel should be given deferential consideration.
- There is no limit on the type of submission. For example, it may be a traditional paper, a series of testimonials, or an audio-visual presentation. In fact, participants are encouraged to pursue innovative and even entertaining formats to demonstrate their points using any sort of media they choose.

Regarding the award:

- The award will be independent of any institution’s scholarship program.
- The award will be a cash award for each submission directly to the student(s) submitting. The number of collaborators on a single submission will not increase or decrease the amount of each award. Collaborators are expected to split an award among the submitting students.
- Awards are not authorized for non-student collaborator(s) including faculty, students acting in the role of faculty, or vendors.
- The award will be from “The Technology in Business Schools Roundtable” alone and will stated clearly as a program to foster innovation in IT.

Regarding the Presentation:

- A two-way exchange of ideas and comments during the presentation is one of the greatest perceived benefits of the presentation.
- Winners will be expected to present their winning submission at the next Annual Meeting. If possible the presenters are encouraged to be present in person. If it is not possible or appropriate for the winner to be present The Annual Meeting Host will determine the most appropriate presentation format. Personal contact, if even through video-teleconferencing is encouraged.
- The Annual Meeting Host will schedule the presentations as appropriate. There is no specific time or manner defined. Scheduling the presentation will be part of the normal Annual Meeting preparation.

- If possible the monetary prize will be given at the end of the presentation with the appropriate ceremony. If that is not possible the prize money will be sent by check to each winner within one week of the Annual Meeting presentation.
- The TBSr Board will determine if any additional prize, such as a plaque, is appropriate.

Other considerations:

- The TBSr Board will administer the Award Program and will be the final authority for all decisions by majority vote.
- The TBSr Board may modify the parameters of the Award Program by majority vote but only after TBSr Membership as a whole are informed of changes and given appropriate time to respond.
- On the occasion that there are appropriate additional funding requirements, the TBSr Board will make individual decisions by majority vote and based on the factors at that time. An example may be travel funding for winners to attend the Annual Meeting or to supply equipment or support for presentations.
- Advertising and promulgation of this award opportunity to member schools is the responsibility of the TBSr members. Appropriate information will be available through the TBSr Board. Parameters for each award including available award funding and designation of the Award Approval Board will be established at least 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting for which the award applies.
- To ensure complete objectivity and independence in forming the content of award submissions vendor sponsorship for any individual award or the Award Program in general is not appropriate.

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