



2022 MIT SCALE Conference for Latin
America and the Caribbean
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
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CALL FOR SHORT PAPERS IN THE PAPER COMPETITIONS

~~Due on December 28th, 2021~~

NEW DEADLINE due on March 12th, 2022

The MIT SCALE network for Latin America and the Caribbean looks for developing applied research that faces and embraces the challenges of the region. We aim to get a high-impact research and educational agenda that creates public engagement and brings real benefits for practitioners, society and policymakers by solving crucial issues related to freight transportation, logistics and supply chain management. To achieve that goal, we promote a close relationship among scholars, students, industry and public sector.

1 Student paper competition

Our network is active proposing innovative educational programs (e.g., the [MIT Graduate Certificate in Logistics and SCM - the GCLOG Program-](#), the Undergraduate Certificate in Logistics and SCM – the UCLOG program-) and getting students immersed in an applied research, industry-based experience in supply chain management and logistics. Given our commitment to grow competences and skills for students in solving real problems for the region, we invite short paper submissions for the Student Paper Competition of the 2022 MIT SCALE Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean.

1.1 Eligibility for student's research

Students participating in the Paper Competition must have been born or be living in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) AND must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program or graduate program (doctoral or master level) from the region. No author participating in the paper may have been received a Ph.D. before the conference, with the exception of industry collaborators (i.e., non-academic authors). The lead author of the paper must be enrolled into an academic program from LAC.

Despite the difference on the education level, the organizing committee will create categories for undergraduate and graduate programs separately. Likewise, the evaluation committee will evaluate all criteria depending on each education level.

1.2 Categories and prizes

The best paper from a student (or a student's team) will receive a 25-to-50% tuition waiver and a diploma. Such waiver will be granted if the student(s) get enrolled into the [MIT GCLOG program](#) hosted by MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics (CTL) in Cambridge, MA, U.S. Recipients of this benefit will be subject to meeting the [requirements of eligibility and the admission process](#) of the GCLOG program.

In addition, the best undergraduate student (or student team) will receive a diploma and 25-to-50% tuition waiver to the UCLOG program hosted by Center for Latin-American Logistics Innovation (CLI) at LOGYCA in Bogota, Colombia. Recipients of this benefit will be subject to meeting the requirements of eligibility and the admission process of the UCLOG program.

We will also provide honorable mentions to the second-best paper in both categories.

2 Industry paper competition (NEW!)

We strongly believe that research has to be carried out to solve real-life problems for industry, government and society. However, not only scholars do cutting-edge research, practitioners and authorities also address big issues for society in many innovative ways. Therefore, we have created this new paper competition to recognize the great value that practitioners bring to industry and academia by solving genuinely hard problems. We aim to motivate the exchange of knowledge of experience-driven solutions, public policy and other empirical approaches

2.1 Eligibility for practitioners

Eligible papers must come from a corporate, or otherwise private source and it may have received support from scholars or students, but the research lead has to be a practitioner. Only papers from organizations located or tackling issues from Latin America and the Caribbean will be considered. Every type of industry (i.e., trade, service or manufacturing) are welcome to participate in the competition. Finally, in addition to the empirical solution, practitioners need to clearly justify their contribution and support it with academic literature body.

2.2 Prize

The best paper award will be granted to the team or person with the best score. The recipients of the award will receive a diploma and a check for US\$250, which will be funded by the official sponsors of the 2022 MIT SCALE conference for Latin America and the Caribbean.

3 Instructions for paper submission and presentations

3.1 Instructions for short papers in paper competitions

- The short paper must be submitted in English.
- The short paper must be written in teams of maximum five people.
- All participants (students or practitioners) should be eligible in the corresponding category they compete.
- The short paper must be written as a scientific article.
- The writing and referencing format must meet the standard academic APA v6.0 style.
- The research must be an original creation by the team of participants.
- The paper must not infringe on any third-party rights.
- The research must not have been published, submitted for publication or previously presented in other paper competition elsewhere yet.
- Finally, authors must indicate if their research is a finished work or a work in progress just after writing up the abstract and keywords in their manuscript.

3.2 Short paper submission

All short papers seeking to participate in any of the paper competitions have to be submitted to the corresponding tracks called *Student paper competition* or *Industry paper competition* by our extended deadline on **March 12th, 2022** via the [EasyChair platform](#). Further instructions about the structure of the manuscript, number of words, details to be met in each section are provided in the [WORD manuscript template](#) available in the official website of the conference.

3.3 Instructions for presentations

- Speakers allocated to the virtual days will need to share the screen from the virtual room we will use for the track they will be presenting in. In the case of speakers allocated to days when the conference will take place at MIT campus, speakers will have access to projector, clicker and a fixed computer in the corresponding rooms. Further details will be shared via Sched once the agenda for the conference is defined.
- Speakers will have 12-15 minutes to present their work followed by a Q&A session at the end of their presentation.
- Oral presentations will be only allowed in English.
- The use of the slide deck template from the 2022 SCALE LAC conference is strongly recommended.
- Further details and instructions will follow as we get close to the conference.

4 Evaluation Criteria

Given the applied nature of the research we aim to promote and address with our conference, the evaluation committee of the paper competitions will assess multi-dimensional criteria to students and practitioners but always allocating a heavy weight to the practical relevance for solving real-life challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. Therefore, the jury will take into account the following aspects in each paper:

- ❖ Regional Impact (social, economic, environmental)
- ❖ Contribution (practical and theoretical)
- ❖ Applicability (potential to replicate the model in other context, circumstances, industries, geographies, etc.)
- ❖ Academic rigor and solid methodological framework
- ❖ Originality and creativity
- ❖ Quality of the speech and of the research

Questions and Inquiries

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