



Ports® '28 Conference

Mobile, AL | May 22-25, 2028
Arthur Outlaw Mobile Convention Center



Student Presentation Competition



**Win an All
Expenses Paid Trip*
\$2,500 & \$1,000
Prizes**

*Detailed information will be published on the website in Winter 2026

Competition Structure

- January 2027 | Call for abstracts opens
- November 2027 | Abstracts are selected for initial presentation
- December 2027 | Initial presentation (virtual)
- January 2028 | Four finalists selected to present at the Ports® '28 Conference.
- May 24, 2028 | Final presentation (in-person)
- May 25, 2028 | Presentation of awards at Closing & Awards Breakfast

Calling all undergraduate & graduate students:

Students are invited to submit an abstract (<500 words) on a ports engineering topic through the conference website. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a committee, which will select students to participate in a round of virtual presentations. These presentations will take place in December 2027 and will consist of a 17 minute talk followed by a Q&A session with the committee.

Following the virtual presentations, the committee will select four finalists. These finalists will advance to present in person at the Ports® '28 Conference.

Presentations will be evaluated, and a winner and runner up will be chosen. Awards will be presented at the Closing & Awards Breakfast on the final day of the conference.

Reasons to Attend:

- Networking with potential employers within the ports industry.
- Leaders in the ports industry share lessons-learned, port innovations, advancements in technology, and best practices.
- Discussions range from planning to management to design to construction to total life cycle topics.
- The Port of Mobile is one of the most efficient, versatile, and accessible ports in the nation.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT:
www.portsconference.org

