DFI Educational Trust announces the 2020 Student Paper Competition. Students studying in the fields of engineering, construction and geological sciences are encouraged to submit a paper for consideration. The author(s) of the winning paper will be invited to attend the DFI 2020 Annual Conference on Deep Foundations in National Harbor, Maryland, to present the paper. Conference registration, two nights of lodging, and a $1,000 stipend for travel expenses will be provided to the winner. The winner and first runner-up will receive a library of up to 20 printed DFI Publications and a complimentary two-year Individual Membership in DFI. The winning paper will be considered for publication in *DFI Journal*. Papers are solicited on topics relating to deep foundations design and construction.

**Paper Competition Deadlines**
- **Friday, March 13, 2020** : Abstract Deadline (up to 300-word abstract).
  Submit abstracts here: [https://tinyurl.com/DFIstudentpaper2020](https://tinyurl.com/DFIstudentpaper2020)
- **Thursday, March 26, 2020** : Abstract Decisions
- **Friday, May 29, 2020** : Draft Paper Deadline (up to 20-page paper)
  Upload papers here: [https://tinyurl.com/DFIstudentpaper2020-UPLOAD](https://tinyurl.com/DFIstudentpaper2020-UPLOAD)
- **Friday, June 26, 2020** : Winners Announced, and comments returned to authors of all papers.
- **Friday, September 11, 2020** : Final PowerPoint Deadline (winner only).

**Please Note**
- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate or graduate program in engineering/construction/geological sciences fields.
- Papers are judged based on draft submissions. Paper must be the student’s own work and be presented in their own writing. Advisors may be co-authors for this competition. Advisor co-authors must provide a written acknowledgement that the paper is the student’s work and writing.
- Multiple students may co-author a single paper submission for the competition but will share the prize should their paper be deemed the winner or runner-up.
- All authors are encouraged to incorporate comments and submit their revised paper for consideration in *DFI Journal*.
- View samples of past winning student papers.
- Contact [events@dfi.org](mailto:events@dfi.org) or (973) 423-4030 with questions

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