

## IST 2020 PAPER AWARD

### Best Paper Award for Emerging and Early Career Scholars

At IST 2020, one best paper award will be offered for emerging and early career scholars. This award will be issued by the local conference organizers at IST 2020 on behalf of the STRN. The local organizers hold the primary responsibility of administering the award process with the support of the STRN Board and Steering Group as well as the IST 2020 Scientific Committee. The award process consists of the following phases: (1) self-nomination, (2) initial screening, (3) review, and (4) decision.

#### Eligibility criteria

Conference participants can nominate their full papers to be considered for the best paper award if they meet the following requirements and eligibility criteria:

- Only **full papers** that have been accepted for presentation at the conference can be nominated
- A copy of the paper must be submitted through the [conference management system](#) by July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Papers must not be accepted for publication by the time of self-nomination but may be under peer-review
- Papers should not be considered for or have won another award
- Only **one** full paper may be nominated per **lead** author
- The lead author must be an emerging or early career scholar: they must be in the process of completing a graduate degree or have obtained their doctoral degree within the last 7 years before IST 2020 (i.e., after 18 August 2013)
- A self-nomination must be accompanied by a short **justification** (max. 250 words) explaining why the paper should be considered for the award (see below).
- Authors need to fill out the self-nomination form and are required to attach a **blind/anonymized** copy of their text as either a Word or PDF file.

#### Assessment criteria

The following criteria will be assessed for the self-nominated papers:

- **Originality/novelty**: innovativeness in theoretical development, methodological development, empirical insight, opening future research avenues, and/or interaction between academia and practice
- **Significance of the contribution to the field of sustainability transitions**: theoretical advancement, methodological advancement, and/or impact in policy and practice
- **Scientific quality**: strength of the argument or critical analysis, methodological rigor, consistency and coherence, and clarity of writing