



## Best Paper on Hazard Mitigation and/or Disaster Recovery

**Deadline for submissions: February 17, 2017**

The newest APA Division, the **Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division**, seeks submissions from graduate planning students for a Division Award, the Best Paper on Hazard Mitigation and/or Disaster Recovery. An awards committee comprised of hazard planning faculty researchers from around the US will choose the best submission, and will award a total of \$2,500 in prizes to one or more winning individuals or team. Winners will be notified no later than March 31, 2017, and will be recognized at the meeting of the HMDR Division at the National Conference of the American Planning Association in New York City in May, 2017.

### Eligibility

Students must be enrolled in a **professional master's program** accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB).

Doctoral students are not eligible. For a list of accredited schools, see <http://www.planningaccreditationboard.org/index.php?id=30>

Papers may have been completed for a class, or may be the student's professional paper or thesis. Papers must have been completed within the Fall 2015, Spring 2016, or Fall 2016 semesters (or equivalent quarters). Papers written by groups or individuals are acceptable. Submissions should be no longer than 10,000 words (condensed versions of theses are acceptable). Submissions should be accompanied by a brief letter of recommendation from the course instructor or other program faculty member. Submissions must also be accompanied by a cover letter that includes the title of the paper, ALL paper authors and current affiliations, the name of the program in which students are/were enrolled, the name of the program coordinator or department head, the name of the course for which the paper was written (or an indication that the paper is a professional paper or master's thesis), and the name of the instructor or graduate committee chair. Contact information (e-mail and phone number) should be provided for each author, as well as the instructor or graduate advisor.

Please submit application materials (paper, cover letter, and letter of recommendation, in one or more pdf files) by email to Dr. Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M University, at [svanzandt@tamu.edu](mailto:svanzandt@tamu.edu) no later than 10:00PM (CST) February 17, 2017. Use the subject line "HMDR Best Paper Award".