

ANNOUNCEMENT

“CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL”

15 JUNE – 15 AUGUST 2011

I am pleased to inform that ATRANS is now open for call for research project proposals. All regular members (except board members) are eligible for submission of the proposals. Research oriented on theoretical research approach / applied research approach, or practical research approach is welcome. A submitting research proposal can be from a small scale project to a regular scale project.

There are two regular issues and one special issue as follows.

Regular issue:

1. Transportation and transportation-related problem
2. Traffic safety

Special issue

1. Energy and environment

FORMAT OF PROPOSAL

ATRANS is a total non-profitable organization and is established to provide research grants to its members to conduct researches on transportation, traffic safety, issues related to transportation problems, energy and environment.

To ease ATRANS members for preparation of their proposal, here are some guidelines.

- : A submitting proposal should present a clear concept, precise and concise.
- : A submitting proposal should be no longer than 5 pages.
- : A submitting proposal should cover:
 - a) Research theme;
 - b) Statement of problem;
 - c) Objectives/purpose/goal;
 - d) Method/technique use
 - e) Schedule/timeframe of the project
 - f) Breakdown of estimated expenditures
 - g) List of members consisting of Project leader and Project members with indicating their fields and specialties
 - h) The simplified format is indicated in page 4

IMPORTANT DURATION OF PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The announcement of the “call for research project proposal” begins from **15 June** and the deadline of submission is **15 August, 2011**. Important dates and details are tabulated below.

Table 1 Timelines for submittal of proposals

Timelines	Activities
15 June 2011	First call for Research Project Proposal
15 August 2011	Deadline for proposal submission
10 September 2011	Notification of evaluation results to the leaders (for a revision, e.g., modification of contents, budget, etc., might be required)
23 September 2011	Accepted research project proposal presentation & interview session
3 October 2011	Research project proposal granted ceremony
1 November 2011	1st day of research project operation
30 November 2011	Inception report due
27 January 2012	Progress Report Presentation
6 April 2012	Interim Report Presentation
30 April 2012	Interim Report Submission
17 August 2012	Final report presentation and comments
31 October 2012	Final report submission (and develop in the form of journal paper for publishing in ATRANS Journal)

Requirements/Criteria on Research Project Proposal

Each regular member (except board members) is eligible for proposing their research project.

Each submitting research proposal should have one project leader and the members from different fields working together as a team. A project leader must be from the ATRANS members only.

Each submitting research proposal may be able to recruit a member from either Research or Editorial or Symposium & Activity committee but should be no more than one member from each section.

- For instance:

- Project leader: Research committee member
- Project member: One Research /Editorial/ Symposium & Activity committee member
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A submitting research proposal should describe / present its study in multidisciplinary manner.

A submitting research proposal may present its research techniques/methodology in theoretical approach, applied approach or pragmatic approach. However, the proposed approach should be realistically practical and applicable to society.

Additional Requirement

This is a new requirement as agreed upon the 13th Regular Meeting dated 2 April 2010 that all the submitting research proposals should include an open-seminar/workshop activity in the proposal during their mid-term (or third quarter of) ongoing project activity in order for having comments or feedback from public and / or other members.

Evaluation of Proposal

All the submitting research proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based upon the criteria use in IATSS traditional method which applied by ATRANS Research Committee according to the discussion during the 2nd and 3rd ATRANS meetings. Evaluation processes of a proposal will be in accordance with the format of proposal and whether it is in compliance with requirements / criteria mentioned above.

Results of written proposal selection will be informed to the leader of a submitting research proposal by mid of September. Accepted written proposals might, in some case, receive some requirements/advice from the Research Committee for modification of their Research contents, project members, or budget plan.

On September 23rd, there will be project proposal presentations presenting by the leaders of accepted research proposal. Note that taking revision advice into consideration and individual interview session with Research Committee will be carried out at this stage (see Table 1 for details). Once the proposals are selected by committee, they will proceed to submitting to ATRANS Board member for final decision and approval.

Example form of Research Project Proposal

Research Proposal Proposed by: _____

Research Theme	
Statement of Problem and objective	
Research Method/technique	
Schedule/timeframe of the project	
Breakdown of estimated expenditures	
List of members with indicating their fields or specialties including their job responsibility in the project	

Remark: Research Project Proposal should be no longer than 5 pages

Submission of Research Project Proposal

Please submit your research project proposal to Dr. Tuenjai Fukuda via e-mail at noynoifukuda99@yahoo.com or noynoifukuda99@gmail.com by **15 August, 2011**.

If you have an inquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly via the e-mail addresses mentioned above.

I am looking forward to receiving your proposals soon.

Sincerely,



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