



**AADE National Fluids 2018**  
**THE PREMIER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION**  
**University Student Poster and Presentation Contest**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) supports and encourages university student attendance at the AADE National Conferences and Exhibition through its “Student Poster and Presentation Competition” and free registration to students of good standing. The Student Committee would like to cordially invite you and your students to the AADE National Fluids 2018 *“The Premier Technical Conference and Exhibition”*. The conference is to be held at the Hilton Houston North Hotel in Houston, TX on April 10-11, 2018.

AADE wishes to highlight academic establishments and recognizes the important role they play in the future development of the petroleum industry. To achieve this goal, university students will be given the opportunity to highlight their work through dedicated poster and presentation sessions. The response and participation at previous conferences has been excellent with many high quality posters and presentations. AADE awarded over \$5000 in scholarships and grants in 2017. We hope to continue to expand university participation through your involvement and are planning on having separate Graduate and Undergraduate divisions. In order to encourage student participation, AADE has set aside grants to sponsor attendance for selected students who meet the requirements as contained in this letter. However, each AADE Student Section should consult with their respective AADE Regional Chapter as well as the AADE Student Committee (J. Ramirez and S. Maraqa) in order to obtain the proper information and documentation needed to be reimbursed for these expenses prior to making travel arrangements.

In accordance with the qualifications listed below, students from each university may compete in the Student Poster and Presentation Contest by submitting an abstract no later than **November 30, 2017**. Students may submit their abstracts online at [www.aade.org](http://www.aade.org). Students will need to create a new account to sign in and submit their abstracts under the “University Student Poster and Presentation Contest” tab. In case of issues with the online submission, abstracts may be mailed [JessicaPaola.Ramirez@halliburton.com](mailto:JessicaPaola.Ramirez@halliburton.com) or [Saad.Maraqa@OMNOVA.com](mailto:Saad.Maraqa@OMNOVA.com) using the attached form.

**A selection committee will decide on paper acceptance** and notify students by mid-December. If the abstract is selected, each student’s grant will provide for travel (up to \$600 US) and lodging. Travel will be arranged by the attendees and will be reimbursed, however please make sure that you obtain proper clearance from the AADE student committee members prior to making any travel arrangements. Proper documentation and prior approval will be required before reimbursing any travel expense. Any additional expenses will be the sole responsibility of the student.

Unfortunately, AADE will be unable to provide financial assistance to attending professors. In order for a student to qualify for abstract submission and financial assistance, AADE has set forth the following requirements:

1. The student must be a current student and in good standing academically in their respective department.
2. The student must be a member of the AADE student section at his/her university.
3. If chosen, the student must prepare and present work on an appropriate topic with both a poster and a presentation at the conference. An abstract highlighting the proposed topic must be submitted. Students may submit their abstracts online at [www.aade.org](http://www.aade.org) under the “University Student Poster and Presentation Contest” tab. In case of issues with the online submission, abstracts may be mailed to Jessica Ramirez or Saad Maraqa by **November 30, 2017**.

As AADE had done in prior years, all university students will be admitted to the conference without a registration fee, but they must register as students prior to the conference. We ask that you please distribute information on this conference amongst your colleagues and students within your university as soon as possible. This demonstrates the AADE’s commitment to fostering the sharing of knowledge and development. The mission of AADE is “to provide the forum for the dissemination of practical drilling technology to those employed or interested in the drilling industry.” In concert with its mission, AADE is committed to providing our nation’s students access to the forum and encouraging the participation of the next generation of industry leaders. There is no better way to highlight this mission than by bringing students to the forefront of new technology where operators and service companies share technology. We are excited about this unique opportunity and look forward to your participation at the fluids national conference.

For more information, please call me at (281)-871-6385 or visit [www.aade.org](http://www.aade.org).

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