The purpose of the 2019 IEEE Radio & Wireless Week (RWW) Student Paper Contest is to reward students for their exceptional work, providing opportunities to share their research and discuss results with experts in industry and academia. It is open to all students attending RWW and presenting a paper at one of the topical conference oral sessions. The Student Paper Contest is only one event among many in the RWW series of topical conferences. (RWW2018 will be held 20–23 January in Orlando, Florida.)

Student submissions for all topical conferences are first evaluated by the Technical Program Committee (TPC), along with the other manuscript submissions. The student papers do not receive special consideration when being reviewed for acceptance to the symposium. Those that are accepted for oral presentation and meet the criteria (relevance, novelty, quality, and content) become eligible for the Student Paper Contest. The TPC and the Student Paper Contest chairs separately evaluate these papers again to select finalists.

Starting 2018, a new format was implemented for the presentation of student work; this format will be maintained for RWW 2019. All finalists have exactly 5 min to present an elevator-pitch-style oral performance in front of a jury, elaborating on the importance and novelty of their work. For in-depth academic discussions, the students present their results in a dedicated poster session, which will take place Monday evening, 21 January. Both sessions are open to all attendees.

After evaluation of the final papers, the poster presentations, and the oral performances, judges representing all topical conferences will select the first- and second-place winners among the student paper finalists (Figure 1). The winners will be announced at the plenary session on Tuesday, 22 January. Additional logistics and details can be found on the website, http://radiowirelessweek.org/authors/student-paper-contest.

Figure 1. The RWW2018 Student Paper Competition awardees and organizers. (Photo courtesy of Lyle Photos, Atlanta, Georgia.)