



SPE® ISSUES CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE-LEVEL RESEARCH IN AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES

TROY (DETROIT), MICH. – The organizing committee for the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (SPE ACCE) is accepting applications for two \$2,000 USD scholarships for graduate-level research in polymer composites that has impact on ground transportation. Students interested in applying will find a *Scholarship Application* form available for downloading at www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm. Applications should be submitted electronically to ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com by June 30th for awards to be announced in early August. Winning students are required to report on the results of their findings during the 9th-annual **SPE ACCE**, which takes place September 15-17, 2009. Winners will be selected from the pool of qualified applicants by **SPE ACCE** committee members and representatives from General Motors, Ford Motor Company, and Chrysler LLC.

This is the second year conference organizers have offered scholarships. In 2007, awards were given to Mr. Roston Elwell from Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas) for research on the use of active-core composite sandwich panels; and Mr. Alejandro Londono-Hurtado from University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisc.) whose work involves application of computer simulation and numerical modeling to predict variations in fiber orientation and density distribution during molding. Both scholarship winners will report their findings at the 2008 **SPE ACCE**, which will be held September 16-18, 2008 in Troy, Mich.

Now in its 8th year, the **SPE ACCE** is the world's leading forum for automotive composites and draws exhibitors, speakers, and attendees from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America. Held annually in the suburbs of Detroit, the conference provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion and networking about advances in the automotive composites industry. Its global appeal is evident in the diversity of exhibitors, speakers, and attendees.

For more information about the SPE Automotive Composites Conference, visit the Composites' Division website at www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php, or the Automotive Division's website at www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm, or contact the group at +1.248.244.8993, or write SPE Automotive Division, 1800 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084, USA. For more information on the Society of Plastics Engineers International or other SPE events, visit the SPE website at www.4spe.org, or call +1.203.775.0471.

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