

STAPP CALL FOR PAPERS

65th STAPP CAR CRASH CONFERENCE®

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Denver, Colorado
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Abstract Submission Deadline – April 2, 2021

The Stapp Conference Advisory Committee invites abstracts of prospective papers for consideration in planning the 65th Stapp Car Crash Conference and Journal. Papers are desired on research in impact/injury biomechanics and related fields, including analyses of real-world crash and injury data and development of injury assessment tools, that advance knowledge pertaining to human injury causation and lead to improved countermeasures for injury and fatality reduction. In addition to research and developments concerned with injuries to motor vehicle occupants and pedestrians, papers on studies dealing with sports-related injuries and injuries in military environments are welcome. Papers are also invited on crash avoidance technologies that offer potential to further enhance occupant crash protection.

Abstracts may be submitted at anytime and, if approved, invited papers will be reviewed throughout the year and presented at the appropriate Conference upon receiving final approval by the reviewers. Early submission of abstracts is strongly encouraged.

Abstracts for paper offers must include the following:

1. a tentative title for the paper
 2. author information (name, affiliation, address, phone, fax, and e-mail)
 3. a one-page abstract **submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.docx) or PDF file** that clearly
 - defines the problem that the study addresses
 - states the objective of the study
 - outlines the methodology used
 - states explicitly the data to be included in the paper, and
 - summarizes the key results and conclusions of the study
- ✓ Invitation of a paper for review is based solely on the abstract so it is important that authors provide clear, descriptive, and specific information by which the paper offer can be evaluated.
 - ✓ All papers submitted for review must include new data and results that will not have been submitted or published elsewhere prior to the Conference.
 - ✓ If a paper on a similar topic has recently been published or submitted for publication, the authors must clarify what is new in the proposed paper that warrants publication in Stapp.
 - ✓ For papers reporting on research involving human or animal subjects, a statement that the methods used have been approved by a properly constituted institutional review board (IRB) must be provided with the abstract. Abstract submissions and paper offers that do not provide this information will not be invited for review by the Stapp Advisory Committee.
 - ✓ Papers offered for consideration at the Stapp Conference and in the *Stapp Journal* must be written in an objective, scholarly, and scientific manner, and must be free of commercialism, advertisement, and product identification.
 - ✓ Papers must be prepared in clear English, and all data must be presented using SI units.
 - ✓ Papers that are judged to meet the standards and requirements of the *Stapp Journal* will be accepted for publication and presentation, and must be presented at the Conference.

Summary of Submission Deadlines

Abstract	April 2, 2021
Initial Manuscript	June 4, 2021
Final Manuscript	September 27, 2021

Submit Abstracts by email to:

Leda L. Ricci, Executive Director Email: leda@umich.edu

Technical Paper Awards and Student Stipends

The **John Paul Stapp Award** is offered annually for the Stapp paper presented at the previous year's Conference and Journal that best meets the goals of the Stapp Car Crash Conference and *Stapp Journal* as judged by the Stapp Advisory Committee.

The **John W. Melvin Student Awards** of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 are presented to the three graduate students whose papers are judged by the Stapp Student Award Committee to have made the most significant contributions to the fields of injury biomechanics and injury reduction. Mentors of accepted papers that include significant contributions by a student are invited to describe those contributions in a letter for their student to be considered. The three awards are made at the end of the Conference in which the papers were presented.

Richard F. Chandler Award for the Stapp paper that best serves the needs of industry to improve vehicle safety.

Student Stipends — Students who are lead authors and presenters of full papers that have been approved for publication in the *Stapp Journal* may be eligible to receive \$500 from The Stapp Association to help with the cost of traveling to the Conference. A letter from the student's advisor or committee chairperson indicating when the student was enrolled and stating the reasons why the stipend would be helpful should be submitted to the Executive Director after the paper has received final approval.