



University of Windsor Student Team Nationally Recognized for Automotive Research

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Montreal, Quebec: A team of student researchers from the University of Windsor has received top honours in a national automotive research competition. The students were competing in the DaimlerChrysler Highly Qualified People Poster Competition at the AUTO21 Network of Centres of Excellence Scientific Conference in Montreal, Quebec. AUTO21, a federal Networks of Centres of Excellence, focuses on automotive research and development and the development of highly qualified people for future work in the automotive sector. The graduate and post-graduate level student researchers contribute to AUTO21's 35 research projects.

The winning team contributes to the Industrial Health and Safety in the Automotive Industry project, which investigates ways to prevent cumulative loading injuries amongst automotive workers – a population that historically has higher incidences of lower back injuries.

“All of the AUTO21 student researchers bring a fresh and enthusiastic investigative approach to the Network’s 36 auto-related projects. The judges were challenged to determine the winners, however the team from the University of Windsor exemplified the strong commitment to research excellence that is required for success,” said Dr. Peter Frise, AUTO21 Program Leader and CEO.

DaimlerChrysler Canada, the sponsor of the poster competition provided a total prize purse of \$15,000 for the competition, with the purse divided between the final round of judging at the Scientific Conference and previous rounds of judging at an earlier event in May. The winning team was selected from a group of four finalist teams who advanced from an initial pool of 61 teams evaluated in May. The winning team received \$4,500 in cash, with the other teams receiving cash prizes as well.

Final Placement:

First	Industrial Health & Safety in the Auto Industry	University of Windsor	4,500
Second	Welding & Joining	University of Waterloo	3,000
Third	New Generation Steels	Queen’s University	1,500
Fourth	Interior Noise Environment of the Future Automobile	Simon Fraser University	1,000

“DaimlerChrysler Canada extends congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated in this year's Poster Competition. The quality of all the entrants was outstanding and exhibits the future strength of automotive research and development in Canada,” said John Mann, Director of Engineering, DaimlerChrysler Canada.

The DaimlerChrysler HQP Poster Competition is part of the AUTO21 Scientific Conference taking place June 15 to 17 in Montreal, Quebec. AUTO21 researchers and industry and government representatives are attending automotive research presentations and hearing from industry leaders from major automotive manufacturers and other parts of the sector.

AUTO21 currently supports more than 250 researchers and 300 student researchers working on 36 auto-related research and development projects at 35 Canadian universities. The projects are supported by more than \$9 million per year in combined public and private sector funding. Research is conducted in the areas of health, safety and injury prevention; societal issues; materials and manufacturing; design processes; powertrains, fuels and emissions; and intelligent systems and sensors. AUTO21 is funded through the Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada program.

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