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2020 Innovations in Nuclear Technology R&D Award Winners Announced

CANYON, TX – Paul Stockett, a Ph.D. student in Nuclear Engineering at Purdue University, has been awarded a First Place prize in the Innovations in Nuclear Technology R&D Awards sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Technology R&D. Stockett's award is in the Open Competition in the category of Energy Policy. His award-winning research paper, "Nonproliferation in the New Space Age: Where Do We Stand?" was presented at the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management Annual Meeting in July 2019.

In order to be successful and retain its leadership role in nuclear technologies, the United States must foster creativity and breakthrough achievements to develop tomorrow's nuclear technologies. The Department of Energy has long recognized that university students are an important source of breakthrough solutions, and a key component in meeting its long-term goals. The Innovations in Nuclear Technology R&D Awards program was developed for this purpose.

The Innovations in Nuclear Technology R&D Awards program is designed to: 1) award graduate and undergraduate students for innovative nuclear-technology-relevant research publications, 2) demonstrate the Department of Energy's commitment to higher education in nuclear-technology-relevant disciplines, and 3) support communications among university students and Department of Energy representatives.

The program awarded 24 prizes in 2020 for student publications relevant to innovative nuclear technology. In addition to cash awards, award-winning students will have a variety of other opportunities.

For more information on the Innovations in Nuclear Technology R&D Awards program, visit www.nucleartechinnovations.org.