We are excited to announce the David A. Hensher prize for the best paper in transport modelling presented at ATRF 2022 in Adelaide.

The prize will recognise both David’s outstanding global contribution to transport modelling and his ongoing support of ATRF.

High quality papers that have undertaken a transport modelling exercise of a theoretical and/or applied/empirical focus including transport related surveys that involve discrete choice modelling are invited. Example areas of focus include passenger transport, freight & logistics, traffic flow, maritime and aviation. Papers will be judged on theoretical rigour, methodological application and practical contribution, all key elements of David’s work.

Professor David Hensher has a distinguished academic career spanning over 50 years. As Founding Director of the world-acclaimed Institute of Transport & Logistics Studies at the University of Sydney, David has overseen quantum shifts in transportation education and research.

David is the recipient of several international awards that recognise both his contribution to academia (e.g., IATBR life-time achievement award in 2014) and industry (e.g., 2019 John Shaw Medal). David has over 60,000 (and counting) Google citations, in 2019 was ranked as third in the world for economists in the field of discrete choice models, and in 2020 was formally recognised as Australia’s leading transport researcher.

David hopes the prize in his name will encourage researchers across Australasia and also internationally to submit quality papers in transport modelling to ATRF.

Short-listed paper authors will be invited to present their work in an exclusive session attended that will be available to all delegates at the 2022 ATRF conference. This will provide both an in-person and online option, for those unable to physically attend the conference.

There is the added incentive that David will provide assistance to achieve the publication of the winning paper in a leading transportation journal.

The inaugural prize winning paper presented at the 2021 conference in Brisbane was by Thomas O. Hancock, Stephane Hess, Charisma F. Choudhury and Panagiotis Tsoleridis. Decision field theory: an extension for real-world settings.