

ISI-World Bank and IASS Travel Award for Young Statisticians from Developing & Transition Countries, International Methodology Symposium, Canada April, 2014

The ISI and IASS recognizes that the opportunity to attend international statistical meetings is important to the early career development of young statisticians. To that end, the IASS, ISI and the World Bank are funding travel awards that will support the participation of four young IASS members from developing and transition countries at the 2014 International Methodology Symposium (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/conferences/symposium2014/>). The symposium will be held during October 29-31, 2014 in Gatineau (Quebec) , Canada, which is adjacent to Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. The theme for this year's symposium is: "Beyond traditional survey taking: adapting to a changing world".

The travel awards intend to provide promising young statisticians from developing and transition countries the opportunity to participate in this international meeting, interact with colleagues from other countries and hear presentations by internationally –recognized experts in survey sampling, survey statistics and survey methodology. Award recipients will attend one of the short courses/workshops organized as part of the symposium and are expected to attend plenary and parallel sessions on the symposium program as well as ancillary functions that provide opportunities to meet international colleagues. They will not be required to prepare a paper/poster or to present a talk.

Successful applicants for this award will receive 2000 USD, that they may apply to airfare to Ottawa and per diem expenses during the symposium. The awardees will need to cover any additional travel costs or incidental expenses.

To be eligible for this award, a young statistician must:

- Have a birth year of 1980 or later
- Be a current member of the IASS or have joined the IASS prior to application for the award

Although the award is open to all eligible younger members of the IASS from developing or transition country, the application review process will emphasize the following criteria in rating the applications and selecting the final award recipients:

- The young statistician has demonstrated his or her potential (through their curriculum vitae, personal statement and reference) to make future contributions to survey theory or practice in their home country and ideally also internationally
- The applicant is from a developing or transition country that is historically underrepresented at international statistical meetings

- Due to financial and other constraints, the young statistician has had limited opportunity to attend international statistical meetings or conferences/workshops held outside his or her home country.

Applicants for the IASS 2014 International Methodology Symposium Travel Award must submit the following documents to the IASS selection committee:

- A cover letter and 1-page personal statement describing their interest and experience in the fields of survey statistics and methodology and how attending the 2014 International Methodology Symposium will benefit their career
- A curriculum vitae (CV) that describes the applicant's educational experience, positions held, publication record, and history of attendance at international statistical meetings or workshops
- (Optional)- One or two letters of reference/support from the applicant's department head, academic mentor or senior colleague that describes the work and contributions of the applicant and the value of the opportunity to attend the Symposium to his or her career growth and development.

Young members of the IASS from developing or transition countries who are interested in applying for this travel award should submit these documents (electronically) as an application package to the IASS Scientific Secretary, Professor Mick Couper (mcouper@umich.edu) by June 1, 2014. An IASS selection committee will review all applications during the month of June and will notify applicants of the result of the selection process on or before July 10, 2014.