



International Society for Clinical Biostatistics

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2014 CONFERENCE AWARDS FOR SCIENTISTS

The Conference Awards for Scientists (CAS) are available to biostatisticians from the countries underdeveloped in clinical biostatistics to provide financial support for their active attendance at the 2014 annual ISCB conference and presenting their research.

Up to six CAS awards will be granted in 2014. Applications are invited from all areas of biostatistics, including clinical and biomedical research, epidemiology, clinical pharmacology, vaccines research, hospital performance evaluation, survival analysis, causal inference, genomics and system biology, functional analysis, etc. However, applications with purely theoretical content or those involving mere routine data analyses are not encouraged.

The CAS award includes a free accommodation, one free short course of choice, free registration to the 2014 ISCB conference and a free-of-charge attendance at the Conference Dinner. In addition, the first-time ISCB Annual Conference participants are also eligible for a travel support. One travel support is available in 2014.

Full CAS details including the application form will be available at the 2014 Conference website (<http://www.iscb2014.info/>). Scientists should submit their application form, a one-page abstract, and a full poster or presentation to Zdeněk Valenta, see the details below.

Upon specific request from the CAS applicant, his/her abstract which will not have been granted the CAS award may be subsequently forwarded to the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) for a further assessment of the contribution. However, such an acceptance of the contribution by the SPC shall not involve any financial assistance from the Society.

The closing date for the CAS applications has been extended to **March 25, 2014**.

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The Rules

- (i) **The ISCB Conference Award for Scientists** is administered by the National Groups Subcommittee (NG SC) established by the Executive Committee of the ISCB. The aim is to encourage and support the biostatisticians working under financial constraints and enable them to participate in international dialogue.
- (ii) **Who can apply?** Scientist working or studying in the country underdeveloped in clinical biostatistics whose work will benefit by attending an ISCB conference.
- (iii) **What is covered by the award?** The registration fee is waived and inexpensive accommodation is organised and paid for by ISCB. Furthermore, a conference course may be attended free of charge.
- (iv) **What are the conditions for application?**
 - (a) **Submission of the slides of an intended oral presentation or a complete poster** which must concern the application of statistical methodology to clinical or epidemiological research. Applicants who do not have a specialised topic to present are invited to prepare a more general paper with a title such as 'The need for biostatistical development in my country/region/department'. Applications with purely theoretical content or those which are mere routine analyses of data sets are not encouraged by the ISCB. Only one submission per applicant is permissible.
 - (b) **Submission of a completed application form** (see the next page). A completed application form has to be received by the Chairman of the ISCB NG SC by 25 March 2014 the latest.
 - (v) **Who will rule on my application and how?** The NG SC will decide as soon as possible, usually within six weeks of the closing date for applications, based on the following criteria: Scientific quality, financial need, value of attendance at the meeting to the region (or to National Groups), preference will be given to those not supported by the ISCB at previous meetings, a possible set-up of future NG. In selecting the award winners, all members of the NG SC will independently grade each application. In the case of ties in total grades, the Subcommittee will make the final selection through discussion. The Chairman of the NG SC will inform each applicant about the Subcommittee's decision.
 - (vi) **What are the conditions for receiving the ISCB travel expenses support?** The first-time participants of the ISCB Annual Conference may also apply for the support of their travel expenses. Up to one such support will be granted in 2014. A specific request for covering the travel expenses by the ISCB has to be submitted by e-mail, together with the CAS application. Selection of the winning application shall again proceed by the discussion between the members of the NG SC.

The application form (see the next page)

Application Form

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First name	
Surname	
Title(s)	
Country of residence	
Current affiliation (Postal address)	
Current position	
Research Interests	
Language skills	
Title of the submitted abstract	
Two most relevant publications	
Previous ISCB awards (years, presentation titles)	

I prefer to give (i) an Oral Presentation (ii) a Poster (please, select the option which applies)

I want to attend the Conference and would like my abstract to be forwarded to the Scientific Programme Committee even if I am not granted the award. (i) Agree (ii) Not agree (please, select the option which applies)

I agree to become a member of the ISCB for the year 2014 if I am granted the award. There will be no charge for this. (i) Agree (ii) Not agree (please, select the option which applies)

Date:

Signature: