

2017 ASA Student Paper Competition
Sponsored by a Consortium of Sections (SRMS/GSS/SSS)

The Survey Research Methods (SRMS), Government Statistics (GSS), and Social Statistics Sections (SSS) are pleased to announce a competition for student and post-graduate papers. Competition winners will present their papers at a topic-contributed session during the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), July 29 through August 3, 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Competition winners will also be highlighted during the 2017 SRMS, GSS, and SSS business meetings at JSM. A subsidy of \$800 is provided to each winner to cover JSM 2017 expenses, and approximately five awards will be granted. We ask faculty members, as well as supervisors and mentors of the recently hired graduates, to encourage students and mentees to apply for these awards.

Applications are due at 5:00 p.m. EST December 15, 2016, and winners will receive notification by January 10, 2017.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate you must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at any level, or a recent 2016 graduate who presents research conducted as a student.

Papers entered in this competition must involve either a new statistical methodology or a creative application of statistical analysis to a problem, issue, or policy question pertinent to the subject area of one of the sponsoring sections. The research does not have to be complete, but competitors must be able to submit an abstract prospectus that describes the planned research and nature of the intended innovation(s).

More than twelve sections of ASA sponsor Student Paper Competition/Travel Awards to assist students with travel expenses to attend JSM, and the submission dates for all section competitions is December 15, 2016. Students may submit papers to *no more than two* competitions and may accept *only one section's* award. Students must inform all sections applied to when s/he wins and accepts an award, thereby removing the student from the award competition for the other section. Students can see the sections that sponsor JSM Student Paper Competitions and links to guidelines for each here:

<https://www.amstat.org/asa/education/Student-Paper-Competition-Travel-Award-to-Attend-the-Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx>

Application Process

Applications must include:

1. a cover letter with the applicant's name, current affiliation and status, and contact information (address, telephone, e-mail);
2. an abstract (300 words maximum);
3. a draft paper (if available); or otherwise a 3-page research prospectus;
4. and a letter from his/her adviser that certifies the applicant's status (e.g., current student or new graduate who completed the degree within the past year), and describes plans to complete the research.

To apply, please email the package containing the first three items (the adviser letter should be sent separately by the adviser) to the section officers listed below:

- Asaph Young Chun (SSS 2017 Program Chair-Elect, asaph.young.chun@census.gov),
- Stas Kolenikov (SRMS 2017 Program Chair-Elect, skolenik@gmail.com),
- Gina Walejko (GSS 2017 Program Chair-Elect, gina.k.walejko@census.gov)

Deadlines

Please note tight turnaround times in January 2017 for notifications and submissions, and plan to be available and responsive.

1. Applicants email application package to the three Program Chairs-Elect by **5:00 p.m. EST on December 15, 2016.**
2. Competition winners are notified by **January 10, 2017.**
3. Competition winners must confirm their acceptance of the award, and immediately inform other sections they applied to by **January 15, 2017.** *Failure to confirm the award may lead to removal from the list of winners.*
4. Competition winners submit winning paper abstract through the regular JSM submission process by **February 1, 2017.** (Winners will be provided with the ID number of the topic-contributed session at which they will deliver your presentation.)
5. Competition winners come to the JSM in Baltimore **July 29 through August 3, 2017** to present their winning papers!

The applicants can address the program chairs-elect listed above with their questions.

Good luck, and see you in Baltimore!