



International Society for Clinical Biostatistics

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9-13 July 2017

2017 CONFERENCE AWARDS FOR SCIENTISTS

The ISCB Conference Awards for Scientists (CASc) are available to biostatisticians from the countries underdeveloped in clinical biostatistics to provide financial support for their active attendance at the 2017 annual ISCB conference and presenting their research.

Up to three ISCB CASc awards may be granted in 2017. 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. Previously awarded applicants are no longer eligible to apply for the CASc award.

The Society has decided to make the CASc competition attractive for eligible applicants. Consequently, the 2017 CASc award will include the following:

1. Free *registration* to the Vigo Conference
2. Free *accommodation* (paid for and arranged by the Vigo LOC)
3. Free registration to *one pre-conference short course* of the applicant's choice
4. Invitation to the *Vigo Conference Dinner*
5. *Travel support* (economy flights only)

Full CASc details including the application form shall be available at the 2017 Conference website (<http://www.iscb2017.info/>). Scientists should submit their application form, a one-page abstract, and a full poster or presentation to Zdeněk Valenta, see the details below.

Abstracts not granted CASc award will be eligible for further independent review by the Vigo Scientific Programme Committee (SPC). However, the abstracts will be forwarded to the SPC only *at the specific request of the applicant*.

Closing date for the CASc applications is **Monday 20th February 2017 (24 hours CET)**.

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The CASc Guidelines

- (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?** Scientists practicing in the country underdeveloped in clinical biostatistics whose work will benefit by attending the ISCB conference. Eligible CASc applicants are the scientists no longer involved in training. Consequently, students are not eligible to apply for the CASc award and they may consider applying for the ISCB's Students Conference Award (StCA).
- (iii) **What shall be covered by the award?** The *registration fee* shall be waived and an inexpensive *accommodation* will be organised and paid for on behalf of successful applicants by the ISCB. Furthermore, one *conference course* may be attended by successful applicant free of charge. The ISCB will also sponsor an invitation to the *Conference Dinner*. Finally, an inexpensive *travel support* (economy class) will be provided for all 2017 CASc award recipients.
- (iv) **What are the rules 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 representing 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 needs to be received by the Chairman of the ISCB NG SC by Monday 20th February 2017 24 hours CET.
 - (v) **Who will decide about 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, and a prospect of setting-up a new National Group. In selecting the award winners, all members of the NG SC will independently grade each application. In case of ties in total grades, the Subcommittee will make final selection through discussion. Chairman of the NG SC will inform each applicant about the Subcommittee's decision.

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 | |
| English proficiency | |
| 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).
However, I understand that the Vigo SPC will make final decision in this matter.

I 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 2017 if I am granted the award. There will be
no charge for this.

Date:

Signature: