

World Bank Fund for 60th ISI World Statistics Congress Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 26-31 July 2015

The ISI and the World Bank Group are pleased to announce funding opportunities for developing country participants to attend the next ISI World Statistics Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 26th - 31st of July 2015. The World Bank Fund (WBF) is for developing country residents who aim to expand the statistical capacity in their country through active participation in the scientific programme of the ISI Rio de Janeiro WSC.

The objective of the WBF is to improve the capacity of statistical officers and academics in developing countries by improving their statistical knowledge to develop statistical systems through the participation in international conferences and workshops.

Selection of eligible candidates is done by an international committee. The quality of the candidate's contribution to the WSC is one of the main selection criteria. Speakers in invited, special topics, contributed, and poster sessions will be considered for this funding. If you are not already a speaker in an invited or special topics session and your paper is selected for WB funding, it will be placed in a contributed or poster session in the scientific programme. Candidates who have not received funding from the WBF in the past will have priority.

Candidates must be permanent residents of a developing country, and must be or become ISI members (regular or elected). The selection process considers the need for capacity building, including aspects such as country of residence (higher priority to the least developed countries), age of the applicant and minority groups, as well as the applicant's potential to contribute to the statistical infrastructure in the region.

Funding will consist of return airfare, registration and visa fees, and an amount of funding for reasonable accommodation

Candidates may apply for a letter of support from their Association by sending a copy of their application form to their Association together with a request for a letter of support

Successful candidates may also apply for one short course (prior to WSC) or a satellite meeting. The short courses programme and satellite information will be communicated when the successful candidates are contacted.

Applications must be made on the form [here](#).

Closing date 30th January 2015.