



International Statistical Institute (ISI)
Jan Tinbergen Awards
for Young Statisticians

Call for Applications for 2019 Awards

About the Awards

The ISI Jan Tinbergen Awards are named after the famous Dutch econometrician and Nobel Prize winner, and are sponsored by the Dutch 'Stichting Internationaal Statistisch Studiefonds' (International Statistical Study Fund Foundation). The aim of the Foundation is to offer assistance to developing countries in the statistical domain. The intention of the ISI Jan Tinbergen awards is to meet the Foundation's aim and two of the fundamental objectives of the ISI, namely defining and instituting constructive roles in supporting the development of young statisticians and in building statistical capacity in developing countries.

The ISI Jan Tinbergen Awards are for best papers for the biennial World Statistics Congresses (WSC) by young statisticians. There are two divisions, with one award in each division for each WSC. For each winning paper, the Foundation generously provides a cash prize and support to enable the author to participate and present the paper at the next ISI World Statistics Congress.

Important note:

The competition for the Award is open to *all* young statisticians, regardless of their nationality. Previously, the competition was open only to young statisticians from developing countries. From 2019 onwards, the emphasis of this competition, is no longer on the nationality of the applicants but on the subject of the paper. Papers should now address statistical problems of real relevance in building statistical capacity in countries with limited statistical infrastructure.

Division A: general

Papers in Division A are to address an applied statistical problem of real interest in countries with a limited statistical infrastructure (developing countries). Such problems could relate to an economic, social or political development relevant to a developing country or region. The main criteria are statistical and/or data quality, innovation and quality of exposition and communication. The paper can make contributions in one or more of the following areas: generation of new methodological development, meeting the challenge of gathering reliable data in developing regions, and innovative application of statistical

methods to a significant problem in order to benefit a developing country or region. Such problems could arise in any of the sciences, engineering, economics, health, agriculture or business areas.

Division B: statistical systems

Papers in Division B may be on any topic that directly addresses the development and improvement of statistical systems in countries with limited statistical infrastructure (developing countries). The main criteria are innovative and significant contribution to statistical progress in government or government organisations in a developing country, and quality of exposition and communication. Contributions could be in innovative applications of existing statistical methods, or application of new sources and innovative data collection and production.

For both divisions, the criteria for quality of exposition and communication include adequate reference to related work; technical and methodological standard of work; quality of writing organisation and clarity.

Eligibility

- The paper must be an unpublished, original contribution. It may include material from the author's thesis.
- The paper must be written in English.
- The author and all co-authors (if any) of the paper must be born in 1987 or later.
- If the paper has co-author(s), the percentage contribution from all authors must be stated.
- Previous winners of the award are not eligible (even as co-authors).

Call for submissions for 2019 Awards

The International Statistical Institute (ISI) is pleased to invite submissions of papers for the 2019 Jan Tinbergen Awards for young statisticians.

The submitted papers will be evaluated by an International Selection Committee of experienced statisticians who will decide on the awards. The Committee's decision is final. The Committee reserves the right to make no award in either or both Divisions if there are no submissions of sufficient quality.

The awards will be presented at the 62nd ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the winners will present their papers in the special Tinbergen session, with discussion, at the WSC.

Each award consists of €2,500 in prize money (total per paper), complimentary WSC registration, support for travel, accommodation, and daily expenses to participate in the WSC in Kuala Lumpur. Travel support will be provided to only one author per paper.

Process for submitting applications:

- The application should be submitted online [here](#). You will be asked to specify the Division for which you are applying, and to upload the paper at the end of the online application. (If you have difficulty uploading the paper, please [contact the ISI Permanent Office](#) with the Subject "Tinbergen Competition".)
- The paper must be prepared according to the [instructions](#).
- **Applications and papers must be submitted by 30 September 2018.**

Announcement of results:

- The results will be communicated to all applicants by the ISI Permanent Office by the end of November 2018.
- The winners will be contacted by the ISI Permanent Office to make arrangements for travel to the WSC in Kuala Lumpur in August 2019.
- The award includes a round trip economy class airline ticket from the winner's place of residence to Kuala Lumpur and support to cover accommodation and living expenses during the WSC.
- If a paper is submitted as a joint paper by two or more authors, only one of the authors can be offered the support for travel and expense. It is the authors' responsibility to nominate the author concerned.
- Any questions that are outside of the substantive contents of the papers (which are decided by the Committee) shall be decided by the [ISI Executive Committee](#). Its decision is final.