

## **The ISI & Esri Student Poster Competition 2018/19 was a big success: Esri and ISI will run the competition again in conjunction with the ISI WSC 2021**

The ISI & Esri Student Poster Competition 2018/19 was a big success and the first to be cosponsored by Esri and the International Statistical Institute (ISI). The competition was open to all full-time university students around the world for both undergraduate and graduate studies. At its core, the contest was aimed at 3 principle values, to promote research into topics related to the integration and use of GIS in statistics, to encourage spatial thinking of the geographic and temporal relationships among data, and to inspire curiosity about statistical spatial analysis among university students.

The contest accepted applications from individuals and teams starting September 1st, 2018 and ending December 10th, 2018 where a total of 80 applications were submitted to Esri. A panel of judges, which included multiple experts in the statistics industry then selected submissions to move forward. Twenty -four (24) finalists were chosen to proceed and had until May 30th, 2019 to submit their final projects. A total of 15 posters were completed and submitted by the deadline which were then evaluated and scored on effectiveness and impact of their data, and overall design of the poster.

At the conclusion of the contest, all posters were on a special display at the International Statistical Institute Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from August 18-23, 2019 in which several of the finalists were able to attend. The final winners were announced on August 23rd during the awards ceremony. Esri and ISI would like to extend a big congratulations to the first- place team Abdul Qadir and Meghavi Prashnani from the University of Delaware, second place winner Lizalise Mngcele from Nelson Mandela University in South Africa, and third place winner Karl Chastko from University of Toronto, Canada. All of the poster submissions can be viewed [here](#).

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