



**International Statistical Institute
Program on ISI Member Strategic Initiatives
Announcement and Call for Proposals
February 25, 2013**

The Program:

The ISI is pleased to announce a new program that is aimed at increasing the engagement of members in promoting the mission of the ISI. The Executive Committee (EC) solicits proposals for special initiatives that are aligned with the [ISI Strategic Plan](#) and add value to the ISI and its members. We expect to fund several projects in the range of 2,000-10,000 euros. Only ISI individual members (regular and elected members) can submit proposals. While non-ISI members can be part of a proposal, it is expected that the proposal is initiated and led by ISI members. Organizations are not eligible.

Examples of projects include (but are not limited to): building statistical capacity in developing regions; regional outreach efforts; activities aimed at promoting the careers of women, young statisticians, and under-represented groups and increasing their involvement in the ISI; mentoring programs; promoting the activities of ISI committees and networks, especially to stimulate collaborations across groups; cross-cutting synergistic activities in research, applications, or practice of statistics; and promoting the visibility of the profession.

Information on Proposals:

The proposal should be a well-developed plan that provides adequate background, rationale, description of activities, people involved including lead person(s), anticipated impact on ISI and/or the profession, and connections to the ISI strategic plan. The project should serve a well-defined audience, the goals and outcomes must be clearly stated, and the timeline for completing the project should be reasonable.

Funding will be provided for activities covering a period of one to two years.

Please include a well-justified budget and include plans for cost-sharing (if there are any) and follow-up activities. The document should be at most four pages (11 point, single-spaced), excluding references. It should also contain a brief summary.

In addition:

- The following are likely to be reviewed more favorably:
 - Proposals that impact large groups of members and from multiple countries;
 - Start-up or pilot projects that can potentially lead to larger programs; and
 - Proposals for which there is co-funding from other sources.
- Proposals for organizing regular conferences or workshops, support for participation at conferences, and other types of routine activities will not be supported under this program.
- Regular research proposals will not be considered.
- There should be no request for salary support.

Timeline:

The deadline for submissions is **July 10, 2013**. Please submit proposals to the ISI Permanent office at isi@cbs.nl with the subject line "ISI Strategic Initiative".

Review:

Final decisions will be made by the EC, and applicants will be notified by **September 10, 2013**.

Mid-term and End-of-Project Reports

The contact person for each funded project must submit a mid-term status report. A final report should be submitted no more than three months after the project's end date. The reports will be used by the EC to review the future of the program.

Carry-over Funding

If all the funds are not expended during the funding period, the applicant may request an extension to spend the remaining funds during the following year. A report requesting carry-over of the funding as well as a status of the project must be submitted to the ISI Director (an.vankrimpen@cbs.nl) three months before the agreed-upon end date. Note, however, that extensions will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances.

For further information, please contact Ms. Ada van Krimpen an.vankrimpen@cbs.nl, the ISI Director.