



International Society for Clinical Biostatistics

ISCB 41st Annual Meeting, Kraków, Poland
23 – 27 August 2020

2020 ISCB 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financial support for their active attendance at the 2020 ISCB Annual Meeting and presenting their original previously unpublished research. Previously awarded applicants (by the ISCB or similar scientific institutions) are therefore not eligible to apply for the 2020 ISCB CASc award. One may, of course, apply for an award in parallel with different scientific bodies which is not a problem when submitting original research.

Up to three ISCB CASc awards may be granted in 2020. 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.

The Society has decided to make the CASc competition attractive for eligible applicants. Consequently, the 2020 CASc award will include the following:

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

The guidelines for the CASc awards and the application form are detailed below. Scientists should submit their application form, a one-page abstract, and a full poster or presentation to Zdeněk Valenta, see the details below. The applicants are further asked to submit their abstract using abstract submission and registration website of the 2020 ISCB Annual conference and notify the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) that they are applying for the CASc award by checking appropriate checkbox at the website.

Successful applicants will receive additional information about their registration and accommodation for the conference. CASc applicants who are not granted the award should inform the conference organisers if they wish to withdraw their abstract from the Conference proceedings due to a lack of funding support.

Closing date for the CASc applications is **Monday 16 March 2020 (24 hours CET)**.

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The CASc Guidelines

- (i) **ISCB Conference Awards for Scientists** are administered by the National Groups Subcommittee (NG SC) established by the Executive Committee of the ISCB. The aim is to encourage, and support biostatisticians working under financial constraints and enable them to participate in international dialogue.
- (ii) **Who can apply?** Scientists practicing in a country underdeveloped in clinical biostatistics whose work would benefit from attending the Annual ISCB Meeting. Eligible CASc applicants are the scientists no longer involved in training. Consequently, students are not eligible to apply for the CASc award and they are encouraged to apply for ISCB's Students Conference Award (StCA). Only original not previously published or awarded research may be submitted for the award.
- (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. Successful applicants are also eligible to attend one *conference course* in Kraków free of charge. The ISCB will also sponsor an invitation to the Kraków *Conference Dinner*. Finally, an inexpensive *travel support* (economy class) will be provided for all 2020 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 in 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 original submission (i.e. one not previously presented or awarded) per applicant is permissible. Applicants who received the ISCB CASc award in the past are not eligible to apply. Please, also include **an abstract in a separate document**.
 - b. Completed **application form, presentation/poster and abstract** needs to be received by the Chairman of the ISCB NG SC by Monday 16 March 2020 24 hours CET.
 - c. You are further asked to **submit your abstract using the ISCB41 abstract submission system!** This is for information to the Kraków SPC. As part of the online abstract submission you are asked to check the box that you apply for the 2020 CASc award.
 - d. **Who will decide about my application and how?** The ISCB NG SC will decide the awards promptly, 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 the regions not supported by the ISCB at previous meetings, and those exhibiting a prospect of setting up a new National Group. In selecting the award winners, all members of the NG SC will grade each application independently. In case of ties the Subcommittee will make final selection through discussion. Chairman of the ISCB 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 Kraków SPC will make final decision in this matter.

I wish to keep my registration even if I am not granted the CASc award and I agree to pay the registration fee immediately after being notified about the CASc selection results. (i) Agree (ii) Not agree (please, select the option which applies)

I agree to become a member of the ISCB for the year 2020 if I am granted the award. There will be no charge for this.

Date:

Signature: