

2015 SBSS Student Paper Competition

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The Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (SBSS) of the American Statistical Association (ASA) is pleased to sponsor a student paper competition for research on Bayesian methodology, which may be broadly construed and includes applied, computational, or theoretical work. This paper competition is for completed research. A manuscript suitable for journal submission is required to enter the competition. Winners of the competition will receive partial support to attend the 2015 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Seattle, Washington.

The ASA sets the deadlines and general principles

<http://www.amstat.org/sections/studentpaperawards.cfm> for the student paper competitions. Below are the details for SBSS's competition for JSM 2015.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this award, the candidate must have been a full-time student (undergraduate, master's, or Ph.D.) on or after September 1, 2014. The candidate must be first author on the paper, and the advisor (or other co-author) must write a letter stating that the candidate had primary responsibility for the research and write-up. The candidate must be a member of SBSS or ISBA (International Society for Bayesian Analysis). Students who have previously received travel support from SBSS are not eligible to participate.

Application materials:

The deadline for application is Dec. 15, 2014. Formal application consists of sending an e-mail to Professor David B. Dahl using the e-mail address dahl-sbss@stat.byu.edu with the following attachments (in PDF format):

1. The curriculum vita of the applicant.
2. A letter from the advisor (or other co-author) verifying the student status of the candidate and briefly describing the candidate's role in the research and writing of the paper.
3. The paper, including all tables, figures and appendices, as a single PDF file.

Selection of winners:

Papers will be reviewed by a committee determined by the officers of the SBSS. Criteria for selection will include, but are not limited to, novelty in theory/methods/applications, significance and potential impact of the research, and clarity of writing and presentation. Decisions of the committee are final.

Applicants will be notified by January 15, 2015. Winners of the SBSS student paper competition must submit abstracts and register for JSM by February 2, 2015 through the official JSM abstract submission system. To receive the award, winners must register for the conference and present a talk under the

auspices of the SBSS on the topic of their winning paper. Those who are not selected as winners are encouraged to submit a contributed abstract to the JSM 2015.

Prizes:

SBSS anticipates awarding a \$600 travel award to nine students and a \$1,000 travel award to the winner of the Laplace Award. All winners will also be presented with a certificate at the SBSS section meeting at JSM 2015. Note that the financial award will likely not cover all of a winner's travel, so winners will need to supplement the SBSS award with other funds.

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