

Guidelines for Applicants for the ISCB Conference Awards for Scientists

- (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 inexpensive *accommodation* will be organised and paid for by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) on behalf of successful applicants. Successful applicants are also eligible to attend one *pre-conference course* free of charge. The ISCB will invite successful applicants to the *Conference Dinner*. Finally, inexpensive *travel support* (economy class) will be provided for all 2023 CASc award recipients. Note that successful applicants will **be contacted by email to finalise the free registration to the conference and to the course, and** the LOC will be in touch regarding accommodation. Successful applicants will have to arrange and pay for their own travel, with the costs being reimbursed *after* the conference on production of appropriate receipts. Only economy class travel will be reimbursed.
- (iv) **Registration for the Conference.** Applicants for these awards must *not* register for the conference until they have heard the outcome of their application. It may not be possible to reimburse successful applicants who have already paid their registration. If the awards are announced close to or after the closure of the Early Bird rate, unsuccessful candidates who still wish to attend ISCB44 will remain eligible for the Early Bird rate for three weeks after the NGSC has notified applicants. To take advantage of this please contact the LOC at iscb2023@promoest.com before attempting to register. Unsuccessful applicants who no longer wish to attend the conference are asked to let the LOC know by email to iscb2023@promoest.com.
- (v) **What are the rules and procedure for making an application?**
 - a. Applicants should submit an abstract (limited to 350 words) using the ISCB44 abstract submission system. As part of the online abstract submission, you are asked to check the box that indicates that you are applying for the 2023 CASc. Once the box is checked applicants will be asked to complete the following steps (b and c).
 - b. Applicants need to submit 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.

c. Applicants should complete the online application form available through the Awards tab on conference website (www.iscb2023.info/awards/). The presentation/poster and the abstract should be uploaded through this form. The closing date for applications is the same as the general abstract deadline. If the latter is extended the Conference Awards for Scientists deadline is automatically extended to the same date.

(vi) **Who will decide about 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 the final selection through discussion. Chairman of the ISCB NG SC will inform each applicant about the Subcommittee's decision