

## "IFC Best Paper by a Young Statistician Award"

In order to encourage the involvement of young statisticians in its activities, the IFC has introduced an award for the best paper presented by a young statistician at its biennial conferences in Basel.

### Author qualifications

- To qualify as a “young statistician”, the author must be 35 years old or younger on the date set as deadline for submissions. If the submitted paper is written by more than one author, all authors have to be 35 years old or younger.
- Authors have to be affiliated with the IFC or the ISI, ie they have to be staff of an IFC full institutional member, or hold membership with the ISI and/or one of its official associations.
- The author has to indicate that he/she wishes for his/her paper to be considered for the award on the conference “Call for Contributions” form. The completed form should be submitted to the IFC Secretariat before the stated deadline.

### Paper requirements

- The paper should be original in the sense that it had not been published before and will be presented for the first time at the IFC biennial conference.
- The paper (including tables, charts and figures) should be written in English and should not exceed 5,000 words (approximately 25 typewritten double-spaced pages). Authors are invited to use the BIS template circulated to the participants.

### Selection criteria

The Programme Committee, consisting of selected members of the IFC Executive, will evaluate the papers according to the following criteria:

- Originality of research/degree of innovation;
- Relevance to the conference topic in particular and to central bank statistics in general;
- Quality, clarity and style of presentation;
- Scientific quality and statistical techniques used.

It should be noted that any papers submitted to the conference - and published subsequently in the IFC Bulletin - can be resubmitted for other publications.