



"IFC Best Paper by a Young Statistician Award"

In order to encourage the involvement of young statisticians in its activities, the IFC is introducing an award for the best paper presented by a young statistician at its biennial conferences in Basel. From all the papers presented by young statisticians at each IFC conference, the Award Committee will select the paper that it judges to be the best. The winner will be announced at the end of the conference and he/she will receive a framed certificate declaring his/her contribution the "IFC Best Paper by a Young Statistician". In addition, he/she will be invited to present his/her paper at the next Session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

Author qualifications

- To qualify as a "young statistician", the author must be 35 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 or younger.
- Authors have to be affiliated to the IFC or the ISI, i.e. they have to be staff of an IFC full institutional member, or hold membership with the ISI and/or one of its official sections.
- The author has to indicate that he/she wishes for his/her paper to be considered for the award on the conference "Call for papers and discussants" form. The completed form should be submitted to the IFC Secretariat, along with an electronic copy of the final paper, no later than the deadline stated on the form.

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 5000 words (approximately 25 typewritten double-spaced pages).

Selection criteria

The Award Committee will be appointed by the IFC Chair and will consist of members of the IFC Executive. They will evaluate the papers according to the following criteria:

- Originality of research/degree of innovation
- Relevance to the conference topic in particular and Central Bank Statistics in general
- Quality, clarity and style of presentation
- Scientific quality and statistical techniques used in the research.