

Student Paper Competition

JSM 2012 (San Diego, California)

Due December 15, 2011

The **Section on Statistical Learning and Data Mining (SLDM)** of the **American Statistical Association** and **Statistical Analysis and Data Mining (SAM)** - which is a flagship journal of the **SLDM** - are jointly sponsoring a student paper competition for the 2012 Joint Statistical Meetings. The paper might be an original methodological research or analysis of data (from various fields including but not limited to pharmaceutical, genomics, bioinformatics, imaging, defense, business, public health) that uses principles and methods in statistical learning and data mining.

All manuscripts must be submitted through **SAM**, where they will undergo a thorough review process. Papers that have been accepted for publication elsewhere or are currently being reviewed at another journal are not eligible for the competition. Selected winners will present their papers in an organized session at the 2012 JSM in San Diego, California. At the session, they will be presented a monetary prize and an award certificate.

In addition to these winners, several other submitted papers may be accepted for publication in **SAM** and included in a special issue dedicated to the best papers in the competition. The whole review process is expedited so that these papers will be published in the same year as the competition. Furthermore, this special issue will be highly publicized in **ASA** publications, including summaries of each paper.

Graduate or undergraduate students who are enrolled in Autumn 2011 or Spring 2012 are eligible to participate. The applicant must be the first author of the paper. All application materials must be submitted electronically (in pdf) and must be uploaded on the **SAM** submission website—

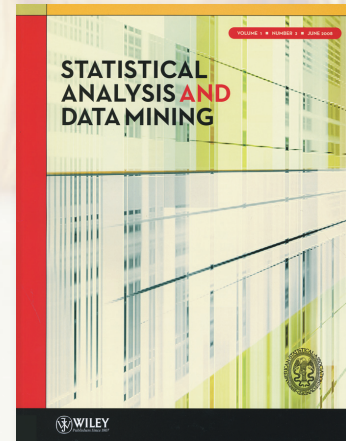
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by noon EST Thursday December 15, 2011. Please check “Author Guidelines” at this site when preparing the entry.

All entries must include the following:

1. List of authors and contact information
2. Abstract with no more than 200 words
3. Manuscript - double-spaced with no more than 25 pages including figures, tables, references and appendix
4. Blinded versions of the abstract and manuscript (with no authors nor references that could easily lead to author identification)
5. C.V.
6. A reference letter from a faculty member familiar with the student's work which must include a verification of the applicant's student status and, in the case of joint authorship, should indicate the fraction of the applicant's contribution to the manuscript. All materials must be in English.

Entries will be reviewed by the Student Paper Competition Award committee of the **SLDM** Section. The selection criteria used by the committee will include statistical novelty, innovation and significance of the contribution to the field of application as well as the professional quality of the manuscript. Award announcements will be made in late February 2012.



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