

2003 Student Paper Competition Sponsored by Consortium of Sections

The Social Statistics, Government Statistics, and Survey Research Methods Sections are pleased to announce a competition for student and postgraduate papers to be presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in San Francisco on August 3-7, 2003. At least five awards will be granted. Winning papers are presented by the authors at a session of the meeting and are recognized at the Sections' business meetings. A subsidy of up to \$800 is provided to each winner in order to cover JSM 2003 expenses.

To be eligible to participate in the competition you must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at any level or be a 2002 graduate who presents research conducted as a student. Up to four prizes will be awarded jointly by the Social Statistics and Government Statistics Sections, and one additional prize will be awarded by the Section on Survey Research Methods for a paper in that area.

Papers entered in the Student Competition must involve either a new statistical methodology or a creative application of statistical analysis to a problem, policy question, or other issue in the subject area of one of the sponsoring sections. Research for the submitted papers does not have to be complete, but competitors must be able to submit an abstract prospectus describing the planned research, including the nature of the intended innovations.

Applications should include

- (1) a cover letter including name, current affiliation and status, and contact information (address, telephone, e-mail) of the applicant,
- (2) an abstract of up to 300 words,
- (3) a draft paper if available, or otherwise a 3-page research prospectus, and
- (4) a letter from the adviser certifying student status (or completion of degree within the past year) and describing plans for the completion of the research.

If you have any questions, contact the 2003 Program Chair for the Social Statistics Section, Susan Schechter, on 202-395-5103 or email at susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov.

Faculty are urged to encourage students to apply for these awards.

Refer to the section websites for a copy of this announcement and for updates.

Social Statistics Section website <http://www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc/>

Government Statistics Section website <http://www.science.gmu.edu/gss/>.

Survey Research Methods Section website <http://www.amstat.org/sections/SRMS/index.html>

Send applications to Linda Minor, American Statistical Association, 1429 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3415.

Applications must be [post marked](#) by December 15, 2002. Winners will be notified in early January 2003 and must register for the meetings by January 31, 2003.