

**THE LIFETIME DATA SCIENCE SECTION  
OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION  
STUDENT PAPER AWARDS COMPETITION**

**APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR 2020 LIFETIME DATA SCIENCE SECTION STUDENT  
PAPER AWARDS COMPETITION**

Applications for the 2020 Student Paper Award are invited.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, at the time of paper submission a student must be an ASA member, a current member of the Section on Lifetime Data Science<sup>1</sup>, and a doctoral degree candidate at an accredited institution or a graduate with a doctoral degree during the 2019 calendar year. The topic of the research should be relevant to methods or applications for lifetime data science. The student must be the first author of the manuscript, but it may be co-authored by faculty advisors and/or collaborators. The paper must not be published or accepted for publication at the time of submission. The Award winners should be available to present the same paper submitted for the Award at the 2020 Joint Statistical Meetings in Philadelphia, PA as either a talk or poster.

<sup>1</sup> when joining the ASA or renewing your ASA membership, select "Lifetime Data Science" to join; Please note that membership in ASA does not automatically confer Section membership; ASA members must join individual sections in addition to their generic membership; Lifetime Data Science Section membership is free for students.

## Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation

Manuscripts should be no more than a total of 25 pages in length (including the abstract, tables, figures, references, and appendix if any), with at least one-inch margins, a 12-point font size, and no more than 25 lines per page, double-spaced.

The submission should include:

1. A cover letter stating eligibility for the application and including name, current affiliation, status including actual or intended date of graduation, the institution for the doctoral degree, and contact information (address, telephone, e-mail) of the applicant;
2. A letter from the adviser certifying student status (or completion of degree in 2019);
3. A copy of the manuscript.

## Review Criteria

Selection criteria will be based on the following areas:

- The research should be well motivated by a relevant scientific problem in the broad field of Lifetime Data Science;
- The proposed methodology should be applicable to the motivating problem;
- The manuscript should be well organized and clearly presented.

## Awards

Up to four awards will be offered to the outstanding student papers. Each winner will receive a \$800 cash prizes to cover JSM 2020 expenses.

All required materials for the Student Paper Award Competition must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. EDT December 1, 2019** to Dr. Guoqing Diao, Chair of the LiDS Student Paper Awards Competition Committee, at [gdiao@gmu.edu](mailto:gdiao@gmu.edu) with “LiDS Student Paper Competition” on the subject line of the email.

Student Paper Award winners will be announced by **January 15, 2020**. Winners should submit an abstract under Contributed session under Lifetime Data Science Section for JSM 2020.