

Eligibility and Selection Procedure for the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications

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Eligibility for Award

1. The Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications awards young scientists every year as recognition of their outstanding research in Statistics and Informatics with potential applications in various sciences like agriculture, finance, medicine, industry, education, informatics, *etc.*
2. The award is open to all young Indian and persons of Indian origin, whether member of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications or not.
3. The award may not be given in a year if no candidate is found suitable according to pre-defined norms mentioned in the sequence.
4. The upper age limit of the scientist for the award will be 35 years as on January 01 of the year when the conference will be held and the award would be given.
5. The research in the form of research paper submitted for the award could be written jointly with other co-authors but the young scientist applying for award must be the first author of the paper. The award would be given only to the first author.
6. The research paper submitted for the award should be an original research contribution and not published / accepted for publication in any Journal at the time of applying for the award.
7. The winner of Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award of SSCA in any year will not be eligible for the award again in any subsequent years.

Procedure for Application

8. A soft copy of the full-length paper along with an abstract not exceeding 200 words should reach the Secretary of the Society not later than October 31 (or any other date as announced in the notification) of the year of announcement of the award. Passport biodata giving full name, date of birth (self-attested copy of certificate), affiliation, complete address for communication including E-mail and mobile number, research experience and list of publications (research papers in refereed journals, books, book chapters, monographs, *etc.*) should also be sent along with the full-length paper. "No Objection Certificate" from all the co-authors stating clearly that they have no

objection to the research being considered for the "Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award" should also be accompanied with the submission of the research paper. **In addition to having the Abstract at the beginning of the paper, a separate copy of the Abstract of the submitted paper should also be sent along with the Application.**

Important Instructions

- 1. The paper should be in Latex template. The Latex template is available at the website of the Society www.ssca.org.in under the head 'JOURNAL'. Paper not submitted in the Latex template will be summarily rejected.**
- 2. The paper should not exceed 20 pages including appendices and references. The cover page, if any, does not count towards the 20-page limit.**
- 3. The paper should have the maximum of two authors. The first author will be the contestant.**
- 4. The structure of the paper should be focused on the title.**
- 5. The abstract of not more than 200 words must be there.**

Selection Procedure for Award

9. The Executive Council will nominate a panel of judges who will grade the papers on a 10-point scale (marks between 0 and 10). A maximum of **three candidates** obtaining **an average score of 7.0** or above will be selected for presentation during the conference (the average score will be obtained by considering the scores of all the members in the panel). No candidate will be called for presentation if the average score of every candidate is less than 7.0, and in that year, no award would be given.
10. The authors of the papers selected for presentation will be invited to present their research in a special session during the Conference. The merit of presentation and the ability to answer the questions will be judged by a panel of experts appointed by the Executive Council. Weighted average will be obtained by this panel of experts to arrive at the final score. The weightage would be 50 per cent to the quality of research, as evaluated by the panel of experts appointed earlier for the purpose, 30 percent to the presentation and 20 percent to the ability to answer questions. The decision of the Committee will be final. There will be negative marking in case the contestant exceeds the stipulated time for presentation.
11. In case of tie on average scores for inviting three speakers for making presentation during the conference, we may invite in the following order: (a) the one for whom the variance of marks given by different judges is less; (b) In case of same variance, preference will be given to the one younger in age; (c) In case of tie on age also, preference will be given to the one who is still doing his research for Ph.D. degree over the one who is in service; (d) In case of tie in (a), (b) and (c), the person belonging to difficult area (identified by Government of India) may be given priority; (e) In case of tie in (a), (b) and (c) and no candidate in (d), preference will be given to a female candidate. The same criteria would also be applicable in case of tie for selecting the best candidate for award.

Presentation of the Award

12. The name of the winner of the award will be announced by the President of the Society during the meeting of the General Body at the venue of the conference **or at the valedictory function.**
13. The candidate selected for the "Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award" (adjudged first in the merit) will be given a cash award of ₹ 20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty thousand only) and certificate of merit. The other candidates selected for presentation would be given merit certificate. In case an author of the paper selected for presentation is unable to participate in-person at the Conference and make presentation, he/she would still receive the merit certificate.

Publication of the Awarded Paper

14. The winner of the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award may like to publish the awarded paper for publication in the Journal of the Society called "Statistics and Applications." The paper, if submitted for publication, will go through the usual review process.

Reimbursement of Travel Allowance

15. The authors invited for making presentation for the "Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award" during the conference may be provided travel allowance to attend the conference, if required. The travel allowance would be restricted to III AC train fare and local conveyance, as applicable from their place of origin in India. Travel by Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains by AC III tier / AC Chair Car would also be supported. The travel allowance would be restricted to travel within India.

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