Biography

Prof. Suddhendu Biswas earned M.Sc in two subjects, pure mathematics and statistics. He received Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Poona, India. He held faculty and research positions at several universities and institutes including Indian Statistical Institute, University of Poona, Gauhati University, University of Roorkee, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, University of Delhi, Kathmandu University, and Amity University. He also travelled internationally for professional works. He visited East-West center in Hawaii, USA as a research associate, University of Alabama, USA as a Fulbright scholar and distinguished visitor, Bellagio Residency Program in Italy and International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Luxemburg as a Rockefeller Foundation awardee, and University of North Texas Health Science Center, USA as a visiting scholar. He held positions of Dean and Head of the department at the University of Delhi, where he spent most of his career. He received several awards and honors, the most notable ones being the Fulbright Scholar, Rockefeller Foundation Awardee, Indian National Science Academy/Royal Nepal Academy of Science and Technology joint awardee, and Fellow of the Indian Society for Medical Statistics. Most recently, in March 2018, he was honored with Distinguished Service Award at International Conference of Vijñana Parishad of India. He produced 16 Ph.D. and 24 M.Phil students, mostly from the University of Delhi. His students hold high positions in academia and government. He wrote around 150 research papers and authored 8 books.

Purpose of the award

This award is instituted by Prof. Suddhendu Biswas’ daughter. In the following, she describes why she wants to institute this award: “My father dedicated his professional life to help students through his teaching and research activities. I have witnessed first-hand how he used to develop a personal connection with his students and go out of his way to ensure the very best for them. Many of his students were women. He advocated higher education for women and encouraged all women who had the privilege of knowing him, including myself, to strive for academic excellence. This award is to honor his legacy.”

Award description

The travel award will be given to a woman Ph.D. student from a developing country for presenting her research at an international conference in India. It can be used to cover registration fees and travel-related expenses, e.g., airfare, hotel, and meals.
Eligibility criteria

- Must be a woman who is currently a student in a Ph.D. program hosted in a developing country. We will use the list compiled by ISI (https://www.isi-web.org/capacity-building/developing-countries) to determine this eligibility criterion.
- Must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in statistics or biostatistics.
- Current CWS membership is not mandatory, but the applicant is expected to join as a member before submitting the application (membership fee is waived for students).
- Must be selected to present research work (oral or poster) related to her Ph.D. dissertation in an international conference in statistics or biostatistics to be held in India. Following are examples of such conferences or associations/societies/institutes that are organizers of such conferences:
  - International Indian Statistical Association (https://intindstat.org/meetings)
  - Indian Society for Medical Statistics (http://www.isms-ind.org/PastAnnualConf.html)
  - Indian Statistical Institute (https://www.isical.ac.in/)
  - Statistical Methods in Finance (http://statfin.cmi.ac.in)
  - Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (https://www.ssca.org.in/conferences/past_conference/)
  - Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute https://iasri.icar.gov.in/

Amount of the award

The award will reimburse a substantial part of the travel expenses for one or more eligible applicants. The number of awards given will depend on the number and quality of applications.