

Requirements for eligibility

- To be eligible to compete, authors must be undertaking a Master's or PhD degree;
- Authors can be full-time or part-time students, without any age cut;
- Authors may also be employed part time;
- Authors must be IAOS members for the year 2018;
- The papers submitted must have the approval from the academic advisor;
- The papers should not have been published before;
- A maximum of three co-authors can prepare a joint submission;
- No more than two academic advisors;
- The IAOS also conducts a Young Statistician Prize (YSP) competition for young statisticians under 35 years who work in a statistical agency. Authors who meet the eligibility criteria for both the YSP and Young Scholars competition can only enter one competition;
- Authors must provide an approval letter from their academic advisor.

Guidelines for formatting a paper submission

- The paper must be presented in English;
- Before submitting the paper, it should be converted to a PDF file with no security protection;
- The paper must comprise a maximum of four thousand words with a variability of +/- 10%;
- Font and size: Times New Roman, 12-point;
- Margins: with side, top, and bottom margins of 1 inch (25.4 millimetres);
- Single spaced and single column.

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- Paper title (at most two lines) in bold font;
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