

**Student Paper Award Competition  
Section on Statistics in Genomics and Genetics  
American Statistical Association**

The New Section on Statistics in Genomics and Genetics (SGG) of the American Statistical Association is pleased to announce the 2016 distinguished student paper competition. Papers considered in this competition should contain methodological innovations and/or novel applications of statistical methods to problems arising in genetics and genomics. Current undergraduate or graduate students at any level, as well as those who graduated in 2015 and would like to submit a paper completed when they were students, are eligible to participate. Three to six awards will be given. To be eligible, students also need to become SGG section members. The section student membership is free in the first year. Students also need to submit their abstracts on the 2016 JSM abstract website by February 1.

Applications should include:

1. A cover letter including name, current affiliation and status including actual or intended date of graduation, and contact information (address, telephone, e-mail) of the applicant;
2. The paper submitted for the competition that should be up to 25 pages (double-space) including an abstract and references, but not including figures and tables.
3. A letter from the adviser who should certify student status (or completion of degree within the past year), and in the case of joint authorship, should indicate the magnitude of the applicant's contribution to the paper.

All materials must be received by the Section by **February 1, 2016**. Winners will be notified by **March 1, 2016**. Applications must be submitted by email (text and PDF files preferred). For further information or to apply, please contact Iuliana Ionita-Laza, Chair of the SGG Distinguished Student Paper Award Committee, at [ii2135@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ii2135@cumc.columbia.edu).

For section members who are teachers or mentors, we would encourage you to become a section member, and please bring this to the attention of your students and encourage them to apply. Section members and friends are welcome to contribute funds towards the endowment for future student awards. Please contact Xihong Lin at [xlin@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:xlin@hsph.harvard.edu), for directions.

To become a SGG section member, please first become an ASA member by signing up at <http://www.amstat.org/membership/becomeamember.cfm>. If you are already an ASA member, please go to the ASA member only website <https://www.amstat.org/membersonly/index.cfm>. After you login, click the "Manage My ASA Account" button and then the "My Membership" button. You will see "Add Publications, Chapters or Sections" on the top of the page. Click this and it will allow you to select the SGG Section.