

JMP Women in Statistics Student Essay Competition Terms and Conditions of Participation

OBJECTIVE: SAS Institute, Inc. (“SAS”) is conducting an essay competition for interested post-secondary students to compete for an opportunity to obtain a grant to attend the Women in Statistics Conference in Cary, NC on May 15 – 17, 2014. SAS wishes to inspire students to submit their ideas for this Competition, and SAS wishes to award outstanding student innovators with the opportunity to attend the inaugural Women in Statistics Conference where they will have an opportunity to learn, network, and exchange ideas and experiences.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SET OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF THE COMPETITION OR THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT Katie.Taylor@SAS.COM. To submit your entry for the essay competition, please visit the submission webpage at <http://www.jmp.com/wis>. On the submission webpage, you must read and follow the instructions to complete the essay submission form and transmit the form via the internet. Essay competition entries will be accepted between March 10, 2014 and April 11, 2014. All essays must be received by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on April 11, 2014. Essays must be submitted via the online method above.

In the event of a dispute over the identity of the individual making a particular Competition submission, the submission will be deemed to have been made by the registered user of the e-mail/Internet account through which the submission was transmitted or with which the submission is associated. SAS (i) assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, submissions; (ii) is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of or relating to any communications equipment, telephone or cellular network, operations, or lines, computer, online systems, servers, or provider, computer equipment, hardware, software, failure of any entry information to be received by SAS on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website or email server or address, and (iii) assumes no responsibility for any combination of the aforementioned events, including for any injury or damage to any participant’s or any other person’s computer related to or resulting from participation in, or downloading or uploading any materials relating to, the Essay Competition.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION AND GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS: To participate in the Essay Competition, you must be at least 18 years of age at time you submit your entry, you must be currently enrolled as a full time student at an accredited post-secondary academic institution (college or university or its equivalent), and your participation must be, in all respects, legal and lawful in the jurisdiction from which you make your submission. SAS is not responsible for submissions made in contravention of any law or regulation in any jurisdiction or location. Void in the Province of Quebec and where prohibited by law. Employees (including immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each) of SAS and its subsidiary and affiliated companies, and the immediate family members of each are not eligible to participate. GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR TRAVEL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PASSPORT, UNITED STATES VISA, HEALTH RECORDS, PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED RECORDS OR DOCUMENTS. SAS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INABILITY OF ANY GRANT RECIPIENT TO GAIN LAWFUL AND/OR TIMELY ENTRANCE INTO THE UNITED STATES. GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PLAN SUFFICIENTLY AHEAD TO ENSURE THEIR OWN ABILITY TO OBTAIN LAWFUL, TIMELY ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES, IF APPLICABLE.

Essay submissions must be the original work of the entrant; must be suitable for publication; and must not infringe third-party rights. In addition, all Essay entries must include the following:

- (a) why you want to attend this conference;
- (b) what you hope to get out of it; and
- (c) how you plan to use statistics in your career.

JUDGING OF ESSAYS: The essays can be no more than 300 words each, must be in English, and will be judged on the following criteria: how well the authors connect personal goals to the conference goals (25%); how well the authors articulate career plans (25%); how inspiring the authors' career plans are (25%); and how well the essays are written (25%). One essay per entrant only.

Based on the judging of the submissions, grant recipients will be selected and notified on or after April 18, 2014. Winners may be required to sign and return an affidavit of eligibility/liability/publicity release where legal within 14 days of notification of selection. Non-compliance may result in disqualification and an alternate grant recipient may be selected. Decisions of the judges are final. By participating, entrants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and the judges' decisions.

GRANT AWARDS: SAS anticipates awarding a total of (3) awards. Each award will consist of the following:

- (a) One (1) complimentary student registration to the Women in Statistics 2014 Conference (approximate value \$199.00).
- (b) The conference scholarship covers conference registration only; travel, meals and any other expenses incurred are the responsibility of the grant recipient.

More information and detail about the mechanics of the grant awards will be provided to the grant recipients after selection, including relevant deadlines and additional requirements for Conference attendance. Grant recipients must comply with all requirements and limitations communicated by SAS or imposed by law or regulation, and SAS is not responsible for the failure of any grant recipient to do so.

The total value of the grant will vary, depending on the location of the grant recipient and airfare. ALL TAXES ON THE GRANT ARE SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GRANT RECIPIENT. If required by applicable law, SAS will issue an IRS 1099 form to each grant recipient to identify the value of the grant. For information and planning purposes, and without being obligated to award any grant at any particular value, SAS estimates that the value of each grant is US\$199.00. However, the actual value may be less or may be greater. Grant recipients are not permitted to make any substitutions nor to claim any portion of the grant in cash.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION (IMPORTANT LEGAL MUMBO JUMBO THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS): IN THE EVENT AN ESSAY IS DETERMINED BY SAS NOT TO BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE ENTRANT OR TO INFRINGE OR POTENTIALLY INFRINGE ANY THIRD PARTY'S RIGHTS, SAS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY THE ESSAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, FROM THE COMPETITION AND, IF A GRANT AWARD HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE BASED ON SUCH A NON-CONFORMING SUBMISSION, SAS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW OR CANCEL THE GRANT OR RECOUP THE VALUE OF THE GRANT FROM THE RECIPIENT.

Submission of any entry constitutes the entrant's irrevocable, non-exclusive license to SAS and its agents to publish, use, adapt, edit and/or modify such entry, including, without limitation, screenshots and selected portions of the entry, in any way, in any and all media, without limitation, worldwide, throughout the universe, and in perpetuity, for use in association with SAS's advertising, promotion, archiving and review, or any other purpose whatsoever, all without acknowledgement, additional compensation, or opportunity for review by the entrant. By entering, entrants acknowledge compliance with these Terms and Conditions, including all eligibility requirements, and each entrant warrants and represents that his or her entry is legal and lawful and meets all restrictions and requirements of these Terms and Conditions and all applicable law. SAS reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify this Essay Competition as determined by SAS in its sole discretion. SAS further reserves the right to award fewer than six (6) grants or more than six (6) grants, as circumstances may warrant, in the sole discretion of SAS.

LIABILITY AND PUBLICITY RELEASE (ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT LEGAL MUMBO JUMBO THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS): By accepting a grant, the recipient consents to SAS's use of their name, image, biographical details, and likeness without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law. **GRANT RECIPIENTS AND PARTICIPANTS AGREE, EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY SAS, ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARY, AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES, THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF THIS COMPETITION AND THE ANALYTICS CONFERENCE, FROM ANY AND ALL TAX LIABILITY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED OR ASSOCIATED WITH RECEIPT OR USE OF THE GRANT, AND FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, AND LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES, EXPENSES, FEES, INJURY OR LOSSES (INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH) SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEIPT, OWNERSHIP, OR USE OF THE GRANT OR WHILE TRAVELING TO, PREPARING FOR, OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY COMPETITION-RELATED OR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE-RELATED ACTIVITY.** SAS is not responsible for any printing, typographical, mechanical or other error in the printing of the Competition materials, including the webpage, administration or execution of the Competition, or in the announcement of the grant recipients. SAS retains the discretion to make all decisions regarding the interpretation and application of these Terms and Conditions, including any ambiguities. All decisions of SAS are final and discretionary. In the event the selected grant recipient is ineligible or refuses the grant, the grant will be forfeited and SAS, in its sole discretion, may select an alternate grant recipient from remaining entries, time permitting as judged by SAS in its sole discretion.

COMPETITION SPONSOR: This Essay Competition is being sponsored by SAS Institute Inc., SAS Campus Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27513, USA. A list of the names of the grant recipients is available upon request if you send a written request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for receipt at SAS by March 22, 2015 to Katie Taylor, SAS Institute Inc., JMP Division, SAS Campus Drive, Cary, NC 27713.

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