Professor Suddhendu Biswas Student Travel Award

This Travel award was established in honor of Prof. Suddhendu Biswas by his daughter in order to support woman Ph.D. students from developing countries for presenting their research at an international conference held in India. It can cover registration fees and travel-related expenses, e.g., airfare, hotel, and meals. The award is presented by the Caucus for Women in Statistics and Data Science (CWS) (<http://www.cwstat.org>).

Eligibility criteria

* Must be a woman and 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 applying (membership fee is free for students)
* Must be selected to present research work (oral or poster) related to her Ph.D. dissertation at an international conference in statistics or biostatistics to be held in India (e.g., the IISA 2024 conference organized by IISA).

To apply:

Please fill out this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIt-trM7H_JhP5e1lUJgFE1q6Xnvtwn790ykoOU_DqkK22Uw/viewform?usp=sf_link). The following documents need to be uploaded there:

* A one-page letter of interest, including a citation of possible funding from other sources;
* Up to two-page description of the research to be presented at the conference;
* Curriculum Vita;
* Letter of support from one career mentor or academic advisor.
* An itemized list of estimated expenses.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2024**.

For more information, please email travelaward@cwstat.org.

For more information about various CWS awards please check <https://cwstat.org/2024-cws-annual-travel-award/>

A short biography of Prof. Biswas:

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 Vijñāna 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.