



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2020 HONOURS STUDENTS IN STATISTICS

The Statistical Society of Australia Western Australian branch has reopened applications for the Scholarship for 2020 Honours Students in statistics. The branch council felt that the impact of COVID-19 may have contributed to a lack of applicants and that it was an important time to reward high-achieving students of statistics. Please note that this application round is now for those enrolled in Semester Two 2020 and expecting to complete by 31st July 2021.

Value and Number of Awards

A single award of \$1,000 cash plus free membership to the Statistical Society of Australia (WA Branch) for the year 2020 is available. In exceptional circumstances, two scholarships of \$500 cash plus membership each may be awarded. However, the Branch reserves the right to make no award should no application of sufficient standard be received.

Eligibility

Students who reside in Western Australia and are enrolled or planning to enrol in Semester Two 2020 in an Honours or MSc Prelim year majoring in statistics or a related discipline (e.g. econometrics, biometrics) and expecting to complete this course by 31st July 2021 are eligible to apply. Students who have enrolled in a Master's degree program in statistics or a related discipline without having undertaken Honours or who otherwise feel that they meet the purposes for which the scholarship was intended should contact the WA Branch secretary (see contact details below) to discuss whether they are eligible for the scholarship. The major focus of study must clearly be statistical methodology and its applications.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must be enrolled in an appropriate course in Semester Two 2020 and expect to complete that course before 31st July 2021. In their application, applicants must provide the Selection Committee with information in the application about the subject area of the applicant's thesis. The successful candidate(s) is expected to give a seminar to inform the members of the Society how the funds have been utilised.

Applications will also be judged according to the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Quality of academic record.
- Concentration of past studies on statistical topics.
- Orientation towards real-life applications of statistics and/or study of methods needed to make these feasible.
- Strength of referees' recommendations.

How to Apply

Students wishing to apply for the Scholarship should write a letter of application to the Secretary of the WA Branch of the Statistical Society of Australia accompanied by the following documents:

- Response to the Selection Criteria.
- A curriculum vitae.
- An Academic Statement of Results the student has received with respect to their degree course, and any other tertiary studies that they have undertaken (if applicable and available)
- The names and contact details of two referees, who should send references directly to the Secretary by the closing date.

Applications or queries should be sent by the closing date to the SSA WA Branch Secretary Rick Tankard at ssawa@dsa.com.au.

We will confirm receipt of your application by email.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is Friday 31st July 2020. Late applications will not be considered.