



the American Statistical Association Section on
medical devices and diagnostics

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The Medical Devices and Diagnostics (MDD) section of the ASA will sponsor **Medical Device and Diagnostic Section's student paper award**, a student paper competition for JSM 2020. A manuscript suitable for journal submission is required to enter the competition. The 1st place winner of the best student paper competition will receive a \$500 cash award and the 2nd place winner will receive \$300 cash award.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this award, the applicant must be a student (undergraduate, master's, or Ph.D., full or part time) on or after September 1, 2019, or the applicant can be within two years of graduation if the submitted work was initiated while the applicant was a student. The applicant must be first author on the paper, and the advisor (or other coauthors) must write a letter stating that the applicant had primary responsibility for the research and writeup. The applicant must be a member of the MDD ASA section.

Application materials:

The deadline for application is Dec. 15, 2019. Formal application consists of sending an email to MDDpaperJSM@gmail.com; with the following attachments (in PDF format):

1. The curriculum vitae of the applicant.
2. A letter from the advisor (or other coauthors) verifying the student status of the applicant and briefly describing the applicant's role in the research and writing of the paper.
3. A cover letter describing the contributions of the paper to MDD.
4. The paper, including all tables, figures and appendices, as a single PDF file.

Selection of winners: Papers will be reviewed by an MDD committee. Criteria for selection will include, but are not limited to, novelty in theory/methods/applications, significance and potential impact of the research, and clarity of writing and presentation. Decisions of the committee are final.

Applicants will be notified of the committee decision by January 15, 2020. The winners (including those receiving honorable mention) must submit abstracts and register for JSM by February, 2020 through the official JSM abstract submission system. To receive the award, the winners must register for the conference and present a talk under the auspices of the MDD on the topic of the winning paper. Those who are not selected as the winner are encouraged to submit a contributed abstract to the JSM 2020.

Prizes: MDD anticipates awarding a \$500 cash award to the 1st place winner and a \$300 cash award to the 2nd place winner of the best student paper competition. The best paper winner and honorable mention winners will be presented with a certificate at the MDD section meeting at JSM.

MDD website: <http://community.amstat.org/mdd/home>

Students may submit papers to no more than two sections and may accept only one section's award. Students must inform both sections applied to when he or she wins and accepts an award, thereby removing the student from the award competition for the second section.