The Western North American Region of the International Biometric Society

Outstanding Impact Award and Lectureship

About the WNAR

The WNAR of the IBS is the Western North American Region of The International Biometric Society, an international professional and academic society promoting the development and application of statistical and mathematical theory and methods in the biomedical and environmental sciences. IBS was founded in 1947 and WNAR was founded in 1948. WNAR is one of the founding societies of the Joint Statistical Meetings that is held annually in Northern America.

About the Award

The ***WNAR of the IBS Outstanding Impact Award and Lectureship*** was established in 2021 to recognize an individual or a team, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality or citizenship, who has made *a significant impact on our society through service and/or research in development and application of statistical, mathematical, and data science theory and methods in the biomedical and environmental sciences*. For example, awardees may be individuals or team whose research and/or service in biometrics has made a direct impact on serving underrepresented communities, promoting social justice, addressing environmental issues, or transforming scientific practice, and can comprise either a single contribution of extraordinary merit or an outstanding aggregate of contributions.

Award recipient(s) will be recognized in the 2024 WNAR Annual Meeting, present at the WNAR/IBS Award Lectureship Session at 2024 JSM in Portland, and receive a plaque and one-year WNAR membership.

Eligibility

- An individual or a team (with at least one of the leaders) from the WNAR region (https://wnarofibs.wildapricot.org/WNAR-Map), and preferably an active WNAR member.
- Nominees must be post-graduate, and not currently enrolled in graduate, school or working as a post-doctoral fellow.
- We encourage nominees working in academia, government, industry, or non-profit research organizations.
- Eligible candidates are expected to adhere to the highest standards of statistical practice, professional and personal conduct (current policies here).

Award Recipient Responsibilities

The award recipient(s) are responsible for providing a current photograph and contact information. Recipients will also present a lecture in an invited award session in the JSM sponsored by WNAR. Recipient(s) will be invited by the WNAR Award Committee Chair to serve as a member of the WNAR Award committee in the future.

The award recipient(s) has a continuing duty to disclose to the WNAR the existence of any fact, situation, or circumstance that could be considered relevant to the WNAR's award decision. Failure to make a disclosure may result in the WNAR withholding, suspending or revoking an honor, in the WNAR's discretion.

Nominations

Nominations are due by **November 1, 2023**. Nominations should be made by an active WNAR member, including possible self-nominations. Eligible nominations shall be based on a nomination letter, letters of support, curriculum vitae, and other appropriate documentation as requested by the Award Committee.

No member of the Award Committee nor current WNAR officers shall be eligible for the award, nominate award candidates, or write letters of support.

Nominations should include the following information to the WNAR Award Committee Chair as one single PDF:
- nominator's name, address, email address, and phone number;
- nominee's name and title, institutional affiliation, address, and email address; if a team is nominated, similar information for the leaders of the team should be provided.
- nominating letter that provides a summary and impact of the action(s) that form the basis for the nomination, not to exceed two pages in font 11, one inch margins, single space;
- up to three letters of support
- a short curriculum vitae using the template, not to exceed two pages in font 11, half inch margins, single space. For a team nomination, please provide short curriculum vitae of leaders of the team.
- a statement from the nominator that to their knowledge the nominee has adhered to the highest standards of statistical practice, professional and personal conduct (current policies here).

Format of nomination materials can be found here. Nomination submission is through this link.

Please send your questions to the Award Committee via email: awards@wnar.org.