

Johann Heinrich Lambert Award for Young Statisticians ("Lambert Award")

Preamble

At the occasion of its 25th anniversary in 2013, the Swiss Statistical Society, at the initiative of its Section Education and Research decided to establish an award for young statisticians in honour of Johann Heinrich Lambert ("Lambert Award") to be given every two-year, the first time in 2013.

Johann Heinrich Lambert was born in 1728 in Mulhouse (associated to the Swiss Confederation at that time). He worked in Basel, Chur and Berlin on problems of physics, statistics, astronomy, mathematics and philosophy. Based on his experiments Lambert developed a theory of errors, procedures for the analysis of measurements and the principle of maximum likelihood estimation for a location. Johann Heinrich Lambert was one of the most eminent statisticians of his time. He died in 1777 in Berlin as a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences.



Rules

1. The objective of the Lambert Award is to recognise outstanding contributions in all areas of statistics and to encourage young statisticians in their career.
2. The Lambert Award is given by a jury which is elected by the General Assembly of the Section Education and Research of the Swiss Statistical Society. The jury

consists of three to five members. One of the members of the jury is elected as the chairperson of the Jury by the same General Assembly. The General Assembly may delegate the election of the chairperson to the committee of SSS-ER. The jury is independent and solely responsible for the selection of the winner. The decision of the jury is final.

3. The Lambert Award is presented every second year at the Swiss Statistics Meetings. It consists of a certificate and prize money. The winner of the Lambert Award shall present his/her contribution in a dedicated plenary session of the Swiss Statistics Meeting and is exempted from the fees of the meeting.
4. The amount dedicated to the Lambert Award is decided by the General Assembly of the Swiss Statistical Society.
5. The Lambert Award is given to one or maximum two persons.
6. Candidates for the Lambert Award must have obtained a Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral degree in Switzerland or must have a working experience of at least three years in Switzerland. The age of a candidate may not be more than 35 years (*36 years for the 2021 Lambert Award due to the postponement of the 2020 award*).
7. A candidate can either apply directly or can be nominated by a member of the Swiss Statistical Society.
8. The criteria for the Lambert Award are: originality, scientific relevance and practical impact. Practical contributions are as welcome as theoretical work. Contributions may deal with statistical methodology as the main topic or apply statistical methodologies in novel ways and/or in novel areas. Candidates' accomplishments will be assessed within the context of their corresponding academic degree and professional experience. If none of the submissions reaches sufficient quality the jury may decide not to give the Lambert Award.
9. Format and procedure of the application are defined by the Jury of the Lambert Award and published on the website of the Swiss Statistical Society.

Adoption

These rules for the Lambert Award were adopted by the General Assembly of the Section Education and Research of the Swiss Statistical Society and also approved by the General Assembly of the Swiss Statistical Society at the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2013.