

## ICES V – Student Contests: Change in Eligibility Rules

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Greetings,

In announcement of the Fifth International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES<sup>V</sup>) to be held on June 20 – 23, 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland, we are writing to you to inform you about two student contests: a data collection contest and an imputation/missing data treatment contest. Details on both contests are available at <http://www.portal-stat.admin.ch/ices5/student-contests/>.

The International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES) promotes discussion about a broad range of issues related to surveys of businesses, farms or institutions. ICES features invited and contributed papers and demonstrations from around the globe that highlight new, improved and upcoming establishment survey methodologies and technologies using census data, administrative data, and sample survey data. Participants come from academia, government statistical agencies, private business, and statistical associations.

The student contests will create interest and innovation in the establishment survey field by inspiring students and the faculty they work with to create and present to the contest committee interesting and challenging applications that test their technical skill and creativity. Given the winner of each contest will present their research at ICES-V, the winner is provided with a unique and invaluable international learning experience. The registration fee is waived for the contest winners, and the conference will provide airfare (or other transportation costs), transport card, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses.

Contest participants must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at any level or a recent graduate that has held a degree for **15 months or less as of June 2016**. They may work independently or with a student group. However, travel expenses and registration will only be awarded to one author, and the paper must be presented at the conference by one of the student participants. Participants are expected to carry out this assignment autonomously. Contributions from faculty advisors, if any, should be made clear in the report.

Please encourage your eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity. Participants will need to declare their intention to participate before April 30, 2015 using the enrollment form available at <http://www.portal-stat.admin.ch/ices5/student-contests/>. The final report must be submitted by September 30, 2015. The winners will be announced in February 2016.

If you have questions concerning these contests, you can contact [ices-v.contest@bfs.admin.ch](mailto:ices-v.contest@bfs.admin.ch).

Sincerely,

The ICES-V Program Committee

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