## Call for Submissions: Biostatistics Student Paper Competition

The Department of Biostatistics at BUSPH is soliciting applications for the 2018 student paper competition. The competition is open to all students enrolled in a Biostatistics Program at Boston University in the spring term of 2018. The winner of the competition will receive \$750 as a travel award to attend the summer Joint Statistical Meetings. Travel to other conferences (e.g., ENAR, Society for Clinical Trials, American Society of Human Genetics, International Genetic Epidemiology Society) may be possible subject to approval from the award committee.

All students are strongly encouraged to submit the abstracts from their papers to the Joint Statistical Meetings, which has a deadline of February 1st.

**TIMETABLE**: **December 15, 2017 at noon**: Deadline for students to submit pdf of manuscript

January 19, 2018 : Announcement of awards

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

The paper should be double spaced, in manuscript format, using guidelines for authors typical of a biostatistical journal (e.g., Biometrics, Statistics in Medicine, or Biostatistics). A pdf copy of the manuscript (no more than 30 pages) and a cover letter briefly describing the qualifications of this work for the award should be submitted to the chair of the award committee, Gina Peloso (gpeloso@bu.edu).

The reported work should be relevant to biostatistics and must be the work of the student, although the manuscript can be co-authored with a faculty advisor or a small number of collaborators. The student must be the first author of the manuscript. Papers which have been accepted by a journal before submission to the competition are not eligible. The student must be a degree candidate in a Biostatistics program at Boston University during the spring term of 2018.

## **REVIEW CRITERIA:**

The award committee encourages papers that develop new statistical methodology clearly motivated by a substantive problem in health or biomedical sciences or that feature innovative application of statistical methodology to address a substantive problem in health or biomedical sciences. The committee will base its selection of award winner on several factors:

- (1) Quality of methodological development or innovative application;
- (2) Relevance of the motivating application to biostatistics research;
- (3) Applicability of the methodology developed or investigated to the motivating problem; and
- (4) Clarity and style of presentation.