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# Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies

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## COPSS 2012 Awards

The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) Awards are jointly sponsored by the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the International Biometric Society ENAR, the International Biometric Society WNAR, and the Statistical Society of Canada. They are: the **R.A. Fisher Lectureship**; the **Florence Nightingale David Award**; the **Elizabeth L. Scott Award**; the **George W. Snedecor Award**; and the **Presidents' Award**. Each award consists of a plaque, a citation, and a cash honorarium. Additional information for all the awards and a list of past COPSS awards recipients can be found at the COPSS web site: <http://www.niss.org/copss>. A list of COPSS members and current committee members is also available at the COPSS website.

### 2012 Nominations Call

All COPSS awards are open to all regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, nationality or citizenship except the F.N. David Award which is restricted to only female statisticians and the Presidents' Award which is awarded to a younger (generally age < 41 years with some exceptions) statistician. Nominees must be living at the time of their nominations and a prior nomination does not exclude a nominee from consideration in subsequent years. Nominations may be made by members of any of the COPSS affiliated organizations. Members of COPSS are not eligible for COPSS awards during their terms of service.

The call for nominations for the COPSS 2012 awards was announced by the COPSS Chair, Xihong Lin, at the 2011 COPSS Award ceremony at the Joint Statistical Meetings.

1. The **Presidents' Award** is presented annually to a young member of one of the participating societies of COPSS. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the statistics profession. It is typically granted to an individual who has not yet reached his or her 41st birthday during the calendar year of the award. In the special case of an individual who has received his or her statistically related terminal degree no more than 12 years prior to the nomination deadline, a nominee will be eligible who has not yet reached his or her 46th birthday during the calendar year of the award. The award was established in 1976. Members of the Award Committee are not eligible to receive the award during their term of service. Eligible nominations should include a current vitae, nominee's date of birth, a nomination letter (up to 3 pages), and

up to 5 supporting letters. Nominations should be sent by **January 15, 2012**, preferably by email in PDF format, to:

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2. The **Elizabeth L. Scott Award** is presented biennially (even years) to an individual who has helped foster opportunities in statistics for women and recognizes an individual who exemplifies the contributions of Elizabeth Scott's lifelong efforts to further the careers of women in academia. Nominations should be sent by **February 15, 2012**, preferably by email in PDF format, to:

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3. The **Fisher Lectureship and Award**, awarded annually, was established in 1963 by COPSS to honor the outstanding contributions of the late Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher, and those of a current statistician, on aspects of statistics and probability that closely relate to the scientific collection and interpretation of data. The award exists to recognize the importance of statistical methods for scientific investigations. The Fisher Lecture is delivered at the JSM in the year of the award and is generally about an hour long. Members of the Award Committee are not eligible to receive the award during their term of service. Eligible nominations should include a nomination letter and curriculum vitae. Up to three support letters are welcome. Nominations should be sent by **December 15, 2011**, preferably by email in PDF format, to:

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