



## JANET A. HARKNESS STUDENT PAPER AWARD COMPETITION

The World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) and the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) request submissions to be considered for the Janet A. Harkness Student Paper Award, as part of the program for WAPOR's annual conference in 2017. This award is given in memory of Dr. Harkness, distinguished cross-cultural survey methodologist, who passed away in 2012.

Paper topics must be related to the study of multi-national/multi-cultural/multi-lingual survey research (aka 3M survey research), or to the theory and methods of 3M survey research, including statistics and statistical techniques used in such research. Paper topics might include: (a) methodological and/or statistical issues in 3M surveys; (b) public opinion in 3M settings; (c) theoretical issues in the formation, quality, or change in 3M public opinion; and/or (d) substantive findings about 3M public opinion.

An award of \$750 will be given to the winning paper at the WAPOR annual conference, which will be held July 15-17, 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal, immediately prior to and overlapping with the first day of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) conference. The lead author of the paper will deliver it as part of the conference program. Travel expenses to the meeting for one author will be subsidized by the Harkness Award Fund administered by WAPOR. In addition, one or more papers may receive an Honorable Mention designation.

**Eligibility.** All authors of any submission must be current students (graduate or undergraduate) at the time of the submission, or must have received their degree during the 2016 calendar year. The research must have been substantially completed while all authors were enrolled in a degree program. Judges will give preference to papers based on research not presented elsewhere or previously published.

Submission. The submission process for the Harkness Award has two stages:

- 1. Authors should submit an abstract of their paper to the WAPOR conference, the deadline for which is **Sunday**, **January 15**, **2017**. The website for electronic submissions can be found <u>here</u>.
- 2. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted for the 2017 conference can have their papers considered for the Harkness Award. Authors should submit their *completed paper* electronically (PDFs only), by midnight EST **Monday, May 15, 2017**, to Award Committee Chair Brad Edwards (bradedwards@westat.com). Please include each author's name, telephone number and email address on the title page. Entries are typically 15-25 pages long.

In addition, each submission must include a cover page that: (1) explains why *all authors* meet the eligibility criteria; and (2) states whether the paper has been presented elsewhere, published, or accepted for publication at the time of submission. Also by the deadline, a faculty advisor will need to email the award committee chair, attesting to the role that all authors played in conceptualizing the study and writing the paper.

**Judging**. A panel of researchers from WAPOR's and AAPOR's memberships—drawn from the academic, government, and commercial sectors—will judge submissions. Competitors will be notified by June 1, 2017. The committee reserves the right not to give an award.