



**International Federation of  
Classification Societies**

**Guidelines for Awards of  
IFCS 2024**



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## *IFCS Research Medal for outstanding research*

### 1. Description of the award

The International Medal for Outstanding research achievements in Classification is an award to recognize the exceptional achievements of an individual scientist (at least 35 years old on 1 July 2024) who has made fundamental contributions to the advancement of Classification, Clustering, Data Science and related topics over a number of years, with at least 10 year from studies. The award is open to individuals whose research, teaching, service and advocacy has had international impact and significantly benefited Classification, Clustering and other topics of interest of IFCS. Members of the societies affiliated to IFCS are invited to submit and/or sustain nominations.

### 2. Applicability and disbursement of the award

**Award: \$2500, plus medal (one award).**

**Disbursement of the award:** It is compulsory that a candidate who has been selected for an award attends the IFCS conference and presents a paper in a scientific session. Under this condition, the IFCS Treasurer (or a designated representative by the President of IFCS) shall pay the award and give a certificate to the winners during the ceremony for awards of the IFCS Conference.

### 3. Application for the award

The candidate has to be nominated by a nominator who has to provide:

- an application form with his/her name and contact details;
- the candidate's name and contact details;
- a motivation letter highlighting the fundamental contributions to the advancement of Classification, Clustering, Data Science and related topics; the letter should be no longer than one A4 page of 11pt text.

### 4. Criteria of the evaluation

Originality of research, impact of research, quality of publications, innovation, other indicators of esteem reported by the nominator.



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## *Chikio Hayashi Award*

### 1. Description of the award

This award is given biannually to young researchers working in the area of Classification, Clustering and related topics. All candidates must be aged at least 30 years but no more than 34 years on 1 July 2024 and must be authors of a paper to be presented at the IFCS Conference.

### 2. Applicability and disbursement of the award

**Awards:** \$1000 each award, plus plaque (the maximum number of awards for a given year will be set by the Executive Committee based on budgetary constraints).

**Applicability:** The number of awards should not depend on the number of applications, just on quality and budgetary constraints.

**Disbursement of the award:** It is compulsory that a candidate who has been selected for an award attends the IFCS conference and presents a paper in a scientific session. Under this condition, the IFCS Treasurer (or a designated representative by the President of IFCS) shall pay the award and give a certificate to the winners during the ceremony for awards of the IFCS Conference.

### 3. Application for the award

The young researcher has to be nominated by nominator who has to provide:

- an application form with his/her name and contact details; the candidate's name and contact details; a supporting statement of no longer than one A4 page of 11pt text;
- a CV of the candidate with information according to the provided template, including the list of the top recent publications with citation count for each paper;
- two referees who will provide, in the due time (under the responsibility of the nominator), reports of a maximum of 1500 characters (spaces are not included) in length on the list of papers and CV of the candidate. Please note that if documents exceed the stated length, the extra content will **not** be passed to the Awards Committee. One letter can be written by the nominator.

### 4. Criteria of the evaluation:

Originality of research, impact of research, quality of publications, innovation, collaborations and teamwork, other indicators of esteem reported by the nominator.

### 5. Required information:

- the candidate's name and date of birth;
- contact details of the candidate (address, phone, e-mail);
- the candidate's memberships in IFCS Member Societies;
- the candidate's experience, expertise or education in classification, data analysis and related areas and contributions to these domains including any publications (with full references);
- the title of the paper submitted by the candidate at the conference.



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## *Helga and Wolfgang Gaul Stiftung Award*

### 1. Description of the award

This award is given biannually to a young researcher with high potential working in the area of Classification, Clustering and related topics. All candidates must be aged less than 30 years on 1 July 2024 and must present a paper at the IFCS Conference.

### 2. Applicability and disbursement of the award

**Award:** €2000 (one award).

The winner must have demonstrated scholarly achievements in the field of classification and data analysis; if and only if this is not the case for any candidate, no award will be given.

**Disbursement of the award:** It is compulsory that a candidate who has been selected for an award attends the IFCS conference and presents a paper in a scientific session. Under this condition, the IFCS Treasurer (or a designated representative by the President of IFCS) shall pay the award and give a certificate to the winners during the ceremony for awards of the IFCS Conference.

### 3. Application for the award

The young researcher has to be nominated by a nominator who has to provide:

- an application form with his/her name and contact details; the candidate's name and contact details;
- a CV of the candidate with information according to the provided template, including the list of the publications; the list may include preprints and conference presentations of which the nominator believes that they should be taken into account.
- two referees who will provide, in the due time (under the responsibility of the nominator), letters of support of a maximum of 1500 characters (spaces are not included) in length. Please note that if documents exceed the stated length, the extra content will **not** be passed to the Awards Committee. One of the two letters of support should be from a former or present supervisor, collaborator, or mentor. The other letter must be from a senior researcher in the field who neither is nor was supervisor, collaborator, or mentor of the person to be awarded, and is not from the same university. One letter can be written by the nominator.

### 4. Criteria of the evaluation

Demonstration of ability for high quality original research, originality of research, through quality of publications including, if requested by the nominator, preprints and conference presentations, innovation, collaborations and teamwork, other indicators of esteem reported by the nominator.

### 5. Required information

- the candidate's name and date of birth;
- contact details of the candidate (address, phone, e-mail);
- the candidate's memberships in IFCS Member Societies;
- the candidate's experience, expertise or education in classification, data analysis and related areas and contributions to these domains including any publications (with full references);
- the title of the paper submitted by the candidate at the conference.



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## *Student/Postdoctoral Fellow Paper Competition and Travel Award*

### 1. Description of the award

This award is given biannually to graduate students (age less than 30 years on 1 July 2024) working in the area of Classification, Clustering and related topics who submit, as first author, papers to this competition. The paper is meant to be largely the work of the student/Postdoctoral Fellow. The paper should involve original methodological research, or a novel application, or a software, related to some aspect of Classification, Clustering, Data Science and related topics. The winners are invited to present their papers at a special junior research session of the IFCS and invited to submit their paper to ADAC or JOC for possible publication. The IFCS will offer a grant towards their attendance expenses, conference fees and the local/university hotel.

### 2. Applicability and disbursement of the award

**Awards:** \$200 travel reimbursement for winners in the same continent of the IFCS conference and \$600 otherwise, plus certificate (up to two awards).

**Applicability:** The number of awards should not depend on the number of applications, just on quality.

**Disbursement of the award:** It is compulsory that a candidate who has been selected for an award attends the IFCS conference and presents a paper in a scientific session. Under this condition, the IFCS Treasurer (or a designated representative by the President of IFCS) shall pay the award and give a certificate to the winners during the ceremony for awards of the IFCS Conference.

### 3. Application for the award

The competition candidates must submit a paper to the IFCS conference. The young researcher has to provide:

- an application form with his/her name and contact details; the candidate's name and contact details; a reference letter of no longer than few lines 11pt text and the name and contact details of a referee who will provide the report on the paper (at maximum 1500 characters, spaces not included) in the due time (please note that if the report will not arrive in time, the candidate will be excluded from the competition);
- a CV of the candidate with information according to the provided template.

### 4. Criteria of the evaluation

Originality of research, impact of research, quality of publications, innovation.

### 5. Required information

- the candidate's name and date of birth;
- contact details of the candidate (address, phone, e-mail);
- the candidate's memberships in IFCS Member Societies;
- the location from which the candidate would travel to the conference;
- the candidate's experience, expertise or education in classification, data analysis and related areas and contributions to these domains including any publications (with full references);
- the title of the paper submitted by the candidate at the conference.



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## All awards

### Deadline

Deadline for nomination is June 5, 2024.

The Award Committee does not guarantee that nominations received thereafter would be considered.

Nominations must be submitted to IFCS Secretary Sónia Dias ([sdias@estg.ipv.pt](mailto:sdias@estg.ipv.pt))

### Awards Committee (chair)

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