Virtual Open House
Actuarial Innovation and Technology

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Welcome!
Actuarial Innovation and Technology

• Strategic research program

• Mandate

“The Society of Actuaries Research Institute’s Actuarial Innovation and Technology Strategic Research Program highlights actuarial research, surveys and papers on the use of new technology involving the actuarial profession. The program is also designed to share how actuaries develop new innovations in this space. Topics include predictive analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning and how actuaries use computational power.”

• Governance and Fundings: Steering committee, Yearly budget

• Good quality research elevates the SOA membership and the profession
Innovation and Technology

Innovation projects

Customer engagement
Micro Insurance
Fostering Innovation
ASU Blockchain
India: Growth opportunities
US and Canada: An Era of Value Added ERM

ERM

DEI projects

Unfair Bias
Data challenges Facial recognition model

Technology projects

Blockchain opportunities
Innovation in actuarial techniques
Decentralized Finance
Insurance in DeFi - 1
Insurance in DeFi - 2
InsurTech Insight
Human genetic

Cyber Risk in Smart Home
Emerging Technologies
Nested Stochastic
Predictive An & Actuarial Transform.
Actuarial Technology Peer Discussion 1 - 5
Quantum computing
Data Viz

General insurance projects
High quality research provides value to SOA members

• Direct Approach - Research is directed at SOA Members
  • Introduction to new ideas/innovations/technologies
  • Technical deep dives
  • High level overview of industry trends

• Indirect Approach - Research is directed at non-SOA members
  • Highlighting actuarial skill sets to non-actuaries
  • Attracting complementary skill sets to the industry
Standard Process & Beyond

- Unsolicited proposal
- Expert Panel + scribe
- Correspondent report from InsurTech gathering
- Partnership with others
Let’s talk
How to be more involved – Let’s talk

• Researcher side
  • Respond to an RFP
  • Submit an unsolicited proposal

• Volunteer side
  • Submit an idea for research
  • Become a POG member
  • Apply for an AIT Steering Committee position
  • Help spread the word – Share RFP, share research project, comment
Let’s continue to talk
Let’s talk further

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