

2017 Technology Section Call for Essays on Cutting Edge Technology

The Technology Section of the SOA is excited to announce its 2017 Call for Essays on Cutting Edge Technology.

Actuaries are naturals with technology and innovation – it is this ability to adapt to a constantly changing environment and learn new techniques and technologies that makes us such valued professionals.

The Technology Section is looking for actuaries and insurance professionals who are working with cutting edge, innovative technology to write about how they work. Prospective topics may include, but are not limited to:

- FinTech
- InsurTech (wearables, peer-to-peer insurance, digital healthcare, etc.)
- Distributed Computing/Cloud Computing
- Artificial Intelligence Decision-Making
- Predictive Modeling
- GPUs

Articles should be valuable and relevant to the actuarial profession.

Authors must be a member of the Society of Actuaries or a member of the Technology Section. If you are not a Technology Section member, simply [join the Section](#) for \$25 USD and then submit an article. You do not need to be an SOA member to join the Technology Section, so please pass the word on to others who may be interested. ***The submission deadline is September 30, 2017.***

At the discretion of the reviewing committee, prizes¹ may be awarded to papers of exceptional quality for a total up to \$2,000 USD. The criteria used to select the top articles includes usefulness, relevancy, novelty of topic, writing quality, and creativity. The total amount may be split in the following amounts:

1st Place - U.S. \$1,000

2nd Place – U.S. \$600

3rd Place – U.S. \$400

Eligibility

- Any SOA Member or Technology Section Member

Rules

- The article may not have been previously published.
- The article should be no less than 1,000 words and no more than 3,000 words and must be submitted in English.
- Photos, charts, tables or graphics are encouraged for illustration; however, by submitting a photo or other graphic you represent that you own the copyright in it or have received permission from the owner to use for the use contemplated herein. Authors agree to furnish proof of such permission upon request.

¹ Authors will be awarded a prize in exchange for presenting their paper at either a webcast or meeting (date and time to be determined).

- Photos should be in either .jpeg, .tif, or .eps format with a print resolution of at least 300 dpi.
- By submitting an article, you verify ownership of the article and agree to provide the Society of Actuaries with permission to include your article in the Technology Section newsletter, *CompAct*.
- Additionally, by submitting an article, authors agree to permit the SOA to use their likeness, name, and biographical information, or any portion thereof, in conjunction with their article and the promotion of the Technology Section and/or SOA, in any and all media and formats, in whole or in part, throughout the world.

Deadline

Submissions are due to Jane Lesch (jlesch@soa.org) **by 11:59 PM CDT on September 30, 2017**. Please provide full contact information.

Selection and Announcement

The reviewing committee will select and notify the winning authors by December 29, 2017.

We look forward to receiving your article!