The SOA’s Predictive Analytics and Futurism (PAF) and Technology (Tech) sections as well as the Joint Risk Management Section (JRM) of the Society of Actuaries (SOA), the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) are excited to announce their 2018 Call for Essays on The Risks Posed by Predictive Models.

The Section Councils are looking for essays that discuss the risks and consequences arising from the use of predictive analytics. Some possible topics of discussion include (but are not limited to):

- Societal Risks Posed by Predictive Analytics, intended or unintended
- Predictive Analytics Model Validation Techniques
- Risk Management concerns of Predictive Analytics

Eligibility

Any Society of Actuaries (“SOA”), Casualty Actuarial Society (“CAS”) or Canadian Institute of Actuaries (“CIA”) member in good standing.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions must be in the format of an article, no less than 500 words and no more than 2000 words. Articles must be submitted must be in English. The review committee will be comprised of representatives from the three sponsoring sections (PAF, Tech, and JRM). Winning articles will be published by the sponsoring sections.

Any SOA, CAS or CIA member in good standing is eligible to participate. Submissions will be judged according to their creativity, originality, and applicability to the Call for Essays topic. Articles should be sent to sections@soa.org by 11:59 PM CDT on September 30, 2018.

Prizes

Up to a total of $1500 USD in prizes will be awarded to the winners

Unique Judging Criteria

Creativity (30%), originality (30%) and applicability to the topic (40%).

Judges

Sub-committee of representing PAF, Tech, and JRM Section Councils.

Promotion of Contest

Email blasts, Newsletter, LinkedIn, SOA Engage, PAF, Tech, and JRM Section Webpage

1 By submitting an essay, you verify ownership of the essay and agree to provide the Society of Actuaries with permission to include your article in one or more section newsletter. Authors of the winning submissions agree to permit the SOA to use their likeness, name, and biographical information, or any portion thereof, in conjunction with their essay and the promotion of the sponsoring sections, and/or the SOA, CAS or CIA, in any and all media and formats, in whole or in part, throughout the world.

2 Judges are not eligible to participate in this call for essays.