ASA DataFest: COVID-19 Virtual Data Challenge

The Duke University Department of Statistical Science and the Duke AI Health Institute are co-sponsoring the [ASA Datafest: COVID-19 Virtual Data Challenge](https://www2.stat.duke.edu/datafest-covid19/). For this contest, student will work in teams to seek out publicly available data sources that enable them to explore the societal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic other than those directly related to health outcomes. Students will present their findings in a slide deck or interactive dashboard, together with a 5 minute video or one-page write up.

The competition is open to all Duke University undergraduate and master’s-level students. Contestants may participate as individuals or as part of a team of up to four students.

# Teams can sign up here: <https://www2.stat.duke.edu/datafest-covid19/signup.html>.  We strongly encourage students to work in a team to honor the collaborative spirit of Datafest. If your current situation does not make it feasible for you to work on a team, you may still sign up to participate individually.

# Key Dates & Times

* The ASA Datafest: COVID19 Edition competition officially begins on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**.
* Registrations (individual or team) must be received by **Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 11:59 PM EDT**.
* Final submissions are due on **April 22, 2020 at 11:59 PM EDT.**
* Contest winners will be announced by **May 4, 2020**.

For more information, including example datasets and topic ideas, [visit the contest website](https://www2.stat.duke.edu/datafest-covid19/resources.html).

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# How to Submit Results

Results may be submitted after the registration window closes on April 12, 2020th but no later than 11:59 PM on April 22, 2020. After the registration window closes, participants will receive an email with a link to the project submission form.

Contestants will submit a slide deck consisting of a title slide and no more than three content slides, OR an interactive app/data dashboard, accompanied by:

* Either a 5-minute video/screencast or a one-page write up;
* A link to code on [GitLab](https://oit.duke.edu/what-we-do/applications/gitlab) or GitHub (if applicable);
* A link to data source(s).

For more information about creating an interactive data dashboard or app and creating and submitting videos or screencasts, please see the [Resources page](https://www2.stat.duke.edu/datafest-covid19/resources.html) on the contest website.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

* Best interactive dashboard
* Best visualization
* Best insight
* Most creative topic or data

The judges may also name up to 2 additional winners as “Judges’ Picks.”

# Contest Rules

* All projects must be registered by 11:59 PM EDT, April 12, 2020, and submitted no later than April 22 at 11:59 PM EDT.
* Team projects must be submitted by one member on behalf of the team.
* Any data used must be publicly available or openly licensed.
* Video submissions must be no longer than 5 minutes and posted on WarpWire.
* Interactive dashboards must be deployed online.
* Slides or written submissions must be submitted as PDF documents.