



Update from SAS

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Agenda

- Events
- News from the Online Communities
- New programs

SAS® Global Forum 2018

Users Program



Much More Than Presentations

Session Types

Whether you're just starting out with SAS or are a seasoned practitioner, there's something for everyone.



Breakout Sessions

Get insights on the in-depth aspects of SAS software, including programming techniques, technical features, and innovative and practical applications. They can also be strategies and best practices about how to apply SAS to solve industry-specific challenges.



Quick Tips

Perfect for beginners and experts alike to share quick tips and tricks, and useful nuggets of programming techniques that make jobs easier. A Quick Tip session should last 10 minutes or less and cover one concept in a concise and practical way.



E-Posters

Here's a perfect opportunity to present your solution or idea in a more relaxed environment and in a visually informative way. A greener alternative to traditional posters, e-posters allow you to transport digital posters in your pocket.



Table Talks

Facilitated by one lead user in an informal, small-group conversational setting, these sessions will not require a formal paper to be submitted. A limited number of sessions will be selected, and each may be offered multiple times.

SAS® Global Forum International Professional Award

Are you a full-time SAS professional who has never attended SAS Global Forum? You may qualify for free conference registration and a pre-conference tutorial!

To encourage attendance of members from the international SAS users community and in recognition of their additional travel expenses, the **SAS Global Users Group** is offering a limited number of International Professional Awards for SAS Global Forum 2018. To be eligible, you must:

- Be a full-time SAS professional who resides *outside* the 48 contiguous states within the United States.
- Have never attended a SAS Global Forum.
- Not otherwise be able to attend the 2018 conference.

What Is Covered

- Waived conference registration fee, including conference meals.
- One free pre-conference tutorial held on Sunday, April 8, 2018.
- Invitation to an awards recognition luncheon on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

How to Apply

- [Submit an application](#) by **Jan. 29, 2018**.
- Applicants will be notified no later than **March 5, 2018**.

If you have questions, contact the [award program coordinator](#).

SAS® Global Forum Faculty Scholarship Program

Professors, instructors and adjunct faculty: You're at the forefront of talent development, and what you learn at SAS Global Forum can benefit your students.

Expand your SAS knowledge at a conference that brings together academia and industry. Network with other SAS users from around the world and find out about innovative new research and applications.

Important Details

- Ten scholarships will be awarded.
- You don't have to present a paper to be eligible.
- Scholarship provides waived conference registration fees and one pre-conference tutorial.
- Travel and lodging expenses are not included.

How to Apply

Apply to the SAS Global Forum [Faculty Scholarship program](#) by Jan. 19, 2018. Notifications will be made by Jan. 26, 2018.

Questions?

Contact academic@sas.com.

SAS® Global Forum Student Ambassador Program

This competitive program is designed to recognize students using SAS software to benefit their respective fields of study.

Important Details

- Twenty-five students will earn the title of SAS Student Ambassador.
- You must submit an abstract to present at the conference.
- Ambassador award includes conference registration, travel and hotel expenses, and one pre-conference tutorial.

How to Apply

1. [Submit an abstract](#) and working draft of your project to SAS Global Forum. **Save your paper submission number!** You'll need that number to complete the next step.
2. Apply for the [program](#). That's it!

Important Deadlines

- Deadline to submit your abstract is **Oct. 12, 2017**.
- Deadline to submit your application is **Oct. 12, 2017**.

Student Symposium

The SAS Global Forum Student Symposium is an opportunity for teams of two to four postsecondary students and a faculty adviser (professor) to showcase their skills and compete with other teams in the application of SAS Analytics in big data.

The top eight teams will travel to Denver in April 2018 for SAS Global Forum to present their projects in 20-minute breakout sessions. The oral presentations will be judged, and the top three teams will be announced at the conference.

Teams can choose their own data sets and use SAS, including SAS University Edition, to perform analyses on the problem and submit a paper on the solution of their choice.

Submit your teams below through Nov. 8.

No purchase necessary, void where prohibited, see [Official Rules](#) for complete details.

Customer Value Award

The Customer Value Award has been created to honour and reward an individual for their ongoing support in their local SAS community. The recipient of the award will receive a trip to **SAS Global Forum** (formerly SUGI) including: return airfare; hotel for up to 3 nights; registration costs; and an award to be presented at a special dinner at SAS Global Forum.

Examples include people who informally assist their peers, user group involvement or anyone who goes beyond the call of duty to assist SAS usage. See the bottom of the page for the '**Customer Value Award Hall of Fame**'.

Nominations will be reviewed by a team of SAS customers in the 'Friends of SAS' community. Not a member? Feel free to email Martha Casanova at martha.casanova@sas.com to be issued an invitation to this exclusive group. For our 2016 contest, the following criteria must be adhered to in order for nominations to be valid:

Deadline for nominations is **January 1, 2017**.

Nominations should include contact information for the individual being nominated (Name, Organization, Email and Phone Number) and detail in a paragraph or two why the individual should be considered. Consideration is given to those who go above and beyond in their support of a local SAS community whether in their workplace, through the user groups, or online.

The winner will be selected by customers vote in the 'Friends of SAS' community and informed via email by mid-January, 2017

Nominators and nominees may be contacted in the future for follow up by the Customer Value Team regarding the nomination.

For more information or clarification on any of the above, please contact Matt Malczewski at matt.malczewski@sas.com

Please fill out the form below and submit it. (If you prefer, you can print it, fill it out, and fax it to 416-363-5399, Attn: Customer Value Team).

Nomination Form

CUSTOMER VALUE AWARD HALL OF FAME

2015: Frederick Guillot, Cooperators & Doug Dover, Alberta Health

2014: Suzanne Humphreys, Rick Hansen Institute

2013: David Koch, Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation

2012: Audrey Orval, Banque Laurentienne

2011: Ron Kaine, Bell Canada

2010: Roy Finzel of the Government of Alberta

2009: Rupinder Dhillon, Dhillon Consulting Inc

2008: Art Tabachneck, Insurance Bureau of Canada

2007: Kevin Druhan, Nova Scotia Department of Health

2006: Greg McLean, Statistics Canada

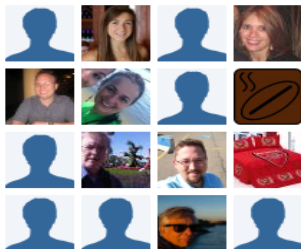
2005: Mark Lucas, University of Saskatchewan

2004: Bruce Denmore, IBM Canada



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Jean-François Ducré-Robitaille replied to [Natasha Ulanowski's](#) discussion [Cristina's Question in the group Friends of SAS Programming Problems](#)

"Here is my code. Found on the web and SAS documentation about the hash object. Knew nothing before that about hashing. Great doc! data t1; input l \$ c; cards; a 0 a 1 b 2 b 3 b 4 b 5 b 6 c 7 c..."

2 minutes ago



Boxi Zhou joined [Mackenzie Keelan's](#) group



[Friends of SAS Programming Problems](#)

This is where we will post the weekly posed programming problems so you can come back to the question, ask questions and help each other out! If you are not a member of Friends of SAS email Natasha.Ulanowski@sas.com or Martha.Casanova@sas.com to receive an invitation to join.

[See More](#)

6 hours ago

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Boxi Zhou is now a member of [SAS Canada Community](#)

9 hours ago

[Welcome Them!](#)



Estela Lutero Tavares replied to [Natasha Ulanowski's](#) discussion [Cristina's Question in the group Friends of SAS Programming Problems](#)

"data where; input city \$12; datalines; Kathmandu Mumbai Assissi Kananaskis; run; data when; input months \$3.; datalines; may jun aug dec; run; proc sql; create table travel as select * from where, when; quit; data travel2; set travel; do i=1 to..."

16 hours ago



Natasha Ulanowski added a discussion to the group [Friends of SAS](#)

MATT MALCZEWSKI

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Programming tips from the experts

In this video, six Canadian SAS programmers, with more than 115 years of SAS programming experience between them, share some of their favorite, little-known SAS programming tips. You're sure to discover a new trick or two.

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SAS Canada Local Users Groups

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BC Meeting location

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New Programs

Exciting News for SAS Customers

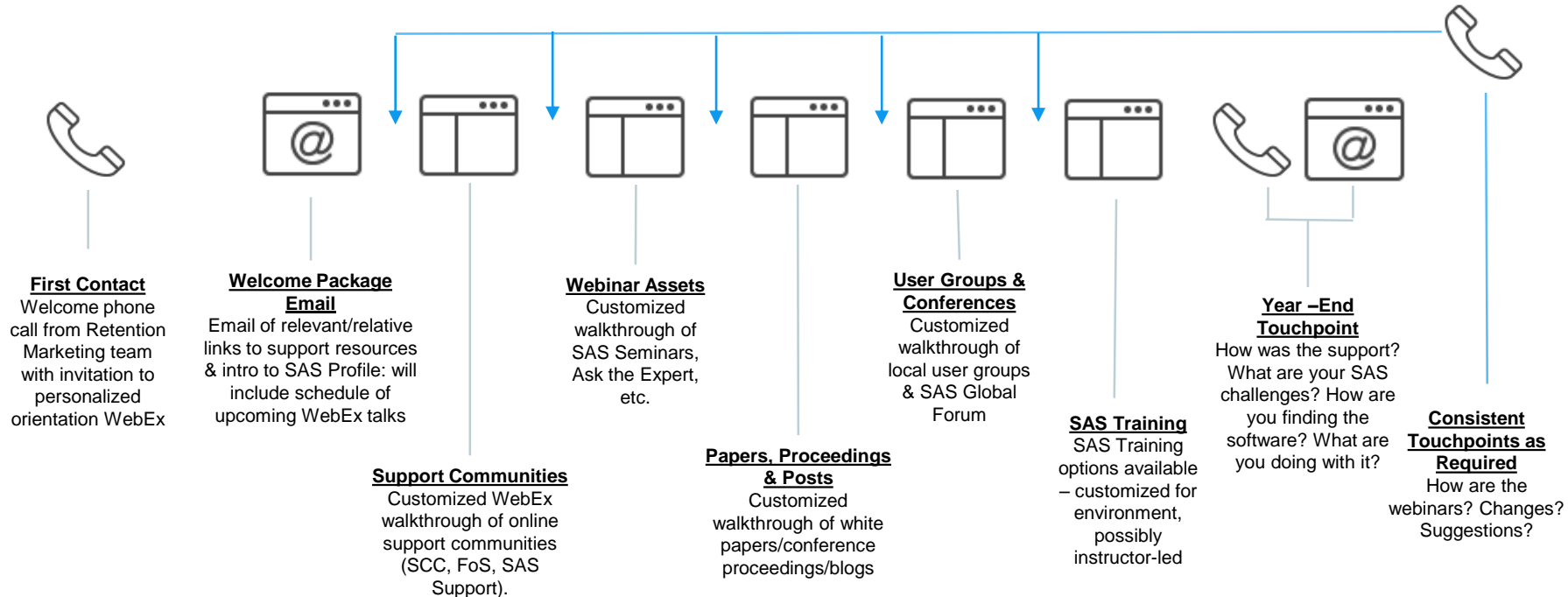
- Ever feel overwhelmed as a newer (or long-time) SAS user when facing all the support options available?
- Lots of options – not so great with wayfinding
- Which is best for *me*?
- How do I search?
- What is the value/benefit?
- Why should I bother?

Introducing...

SAS Support Onboarding Program

- Developed here in Canada
- Designed for newer SAS customers... but also, for seasoned experts that want some guidance around navigating SAS Support
- SAS has a *responsibility* to help our customers find value in their investment
- We can achieve this by facilitating...
 - Comfort with the tools/solutions
 - Guidance through support and knowledge landscape
 - Dialogue around challenges/opportunities
 - Connection points with other SAS users

Persona: User/Practitioner (6 Month Process)



Sound Interesting?

- Email Matt Malczewski at matt.malczewski@sas.com
- If personalized onboarding can't be arranged, assets can certainly be shared!



Thanks!

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