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Positions

1. BJS Principal Deputy Director

The Bureau of Justice Statistics has posted a vacancy announcement for its Principal Deputy Director. The announcement, which closes on June 15th, can be found at:

Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics

2. Carleton College: Assistant professor (tenure-track)

Carleton College will be conducting a search for a tenure-track position in statistics at the assistant professor level. The full job ad can be seen at jobs.carleton.edu/postings/2366. Representatives will be available to meet with applicants at JSM in Seattle.
(3) Washington University, St. Louis: Postdoc position

Washington University is among the world’s premier biomedical research institutions, with strong research programs in statistical genetics and cardiovascular genetic epidemiology. This training program provides opportunities for working with world class mentors. Additional opportunities are available through the Genome Institute, Institute for Public Health, Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences, the Siteman Cancer Center, and the Alzheimer Disease Research Center, among several others.

The primary objective of this program is to produce future research leaders in genetic epidemiology, with an emphasis on substantive applied orientation in cardiovascular disease (CVD) and CVD risk factors and other complex traits related to heart, lung, and blood disorders. Applicants’ training will be guided by an Individualized Training Pathway (ITP) which contains customizable components on research, seminars and education.

Salary/Stipend Information: NIH stipend level

Procedure to Apply: Interested candidates are encouraged to apply with a statement of research interest, CV, and two letters of recommendation.

Skills and Knowledge Required: PhD or MD with a background in quantitative sciences, cardiovascular sciences, or experience in statistical genetics and genetic epidemiology, as well as experience programming in R or SAS.

Position Closing Date: Open until filled

Appointment Length/Period: 1-3 years, reappointed annually depending on progress made

For more information or to apply, please contact Matthew Brown matthew@wubios.wustl.edu

(4) University of Minnesota Division of Biostatistics: Lecturer

The Division of Biostatistics at the University of Minnesota is looking for a lecturer to teach two courses per semester in introductory biostatistics and statistical computing, beginning this fall. Required qualifications include an MS or PhD in biostatistics, statistics, mathematics, or statistics education and previous teaching experience. If you are interested, please refer to the links below for more information. Feel free to circulate this announcement to anyone who might be interested.

https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SC_HJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=301482&PostingSeq=1
If you are a current University of Minnesota employee, please use the following link instead:

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**Funding**

(1) NIH NIGMS: Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA) Pilot Adds New and Early Stage Investigators

NIH NIGMS has just expanded the pilot of its Maximizing Investigators’ Research Award (MIRA) to include new and early stage investigators. The application due date is September 9, and requests—but does not require—letters of intent by August 9.

MIRA supports investigators overall research programs through a single, unified grant rather than individual project grants. The goals include increasing investigators’ funding stability, ability to take on ambitious challenges and approach problems creatively, and flexibility to follow important new research directions as opportunities arise.

Awards will provide all of the support from NIGMS for research related to its mission in an investigator’s laboratory. [Awards will be for 5 years, similar to the current average length of an NIGMS R01 award to new investigators.]

To test the MIRA concept under well-controlled conditions, eligibility is currently limited to two small groups. The first, announced earlier this year, is established investigators who received two or more R01-equivalent awards or a single award of $400,000 or more in direct costs from NIGMS in Fiscal Year 2013 or 2014 and who have at least one grant expected to end in Fiscal Year 2016 or 2017. The second, just-announced group is early stage investigators and new investigators who are at the assistant professor or equivalent level.

If the pilots are successful, they plan to open the program to any investigator working on research questions related to its mission.

See the [MIRA Web page](https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_EMP.HRS_APP_P_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST&Action=U&FOCUS=Employee&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=301482&PostingSeq=1) for more information.
(1) Thanks again from “This is Statistics”

Thank you to the following Departments for displaying the “This is Statistics” logo on their websites:

- Central Connecticut State University Department of Mathematical Sciences: [http://www.math.ccsu.edu/](http://www.math.ccsu.edu/)
- Colorado State University Department of Statistics: [http://www.stat.colostate.edu/](http://www.stat.colostate.edu/)
- Pennsylvania State University Department of Statistics: [http://stat.psu.edu/](http://stat.psu.edu/)
- Purdue University Department of Statistics: [http://www.stat.purdue.edu/](http://www.stat.purdue.edu/)
- South Dakota State University Department of Mathematics and Statistics: [http://www.sdstate.edu/mathstat/](http://www.sdstate.edu/mathstat/)
- University of California, Riverside Department of Statistics: [http://statistics.ucr.edu/](http://statistics.ucr.edu/)
- University of Chicago Department of Statistics: [https://galton.uchicago.edu/](https://galton.uchicago.edu/)
- University of Idaho Department of Statistical Science: [http://www.uidaho.edu/sci/stat](http://www.uidaho.edu/sci/stat)
- University of Wisconsin - Madison Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics: [https://www.biostat.wisc.edu/](https://www.biostat.wisc.edu/)

Sorry to those we missed. (Please let us know if we did.) We'll keep updating this list as other departments join in. Remember, this is a collective investment in the future of our discipline and profession.

(2) ASA Releases Pre-K-12 Instructor Education SET Report

The American Statistical Association (ASA) has issued the Statistical Education of Teachers (SET) Report, a report that calls on mathematicians, statisticians, mathematics educators and statistics educators to collaborate in preparing pre-K-12 teachers to teach intellectually demanding statistics courses. SET was commissioned to clarify the recommendations for teacher statistical preparation in the Conference Board
of the Mathematical Sciences’ Mathematical Education of Teachers II report. The SET report, which is a resource stakeholders can use to guide statistics instruction preparation of current and future teachers, was developed by a team of statistics and education experts chaired by Christine Franklin, University of Georgia. The free report is available to download online; printed copies will be available this fall.

(3) 2015 New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports

The 2015 New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports will be a meeting of statisticians, statistical researchers, and quantitative analysts connected with sports teams, sports media, and universities to discuss common problems of interest in statistical modeling and analysis of sports data. The symposium format will be a mixture of invited talks, a poster session, and a panel discussion. Students in particular are encouraged to submit abstracts; a prize will be awarded to the best student poster as decided by a panel of judges.

ABSTRACTS FOR TALKS AND POSTERS ARE NOW REQUESTED, AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON THE ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS IS JUNE 15, 2015.

Decisions for accepting abstracts will be made by June 30, 2015.

Registration is now OPEN (register by July 15 to save on the registration fee)

We are pleased to announce our panel discussion: “Hockey analytics in the NHL”

- Brian Macdonald - Florida Panthers
- Jason Nightingale - Buffalo Sabres
- Michael Peterson - Tampa Bay Lightning
- Michael Schuckers (moderator) - Associate Professor of Statistics, St. Lawrence University; Co-founder, Statistical Sports Consulting LLC

Complete up-to-date information is posted at the 2015 NESSIS web site.

Please contact Mark Glickman (mg@bu.edu) or Scott Evans (evans@sdac.harvard.edu), the co-organizers of the symposium, with any questions.

(4) SAMSI Forensics: Opening Workshop August 31-September 4, 2015

Deadline for applications is July 10, 2015 Click here to apply: http://www.samsi.info/forensics-ow

This workshop will be held at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center's Hamner Conference Center, 15 T.W. Alexander Dr., Research Triangle Park, NC.
Workshop Organizers:

- David Banks
- Eugene Fiorini
- Anil Jain
- Karen Kafadar
- Dennis Lin
- Cedric Neumann
- Clifford Spiegelman
- William Tobin
- Harry Wechsler
- Sandy Zabell

Please send questions to forensics@samsi.info

(Additionally, for information and to apply for the Forensics Tutorials workshop, August 27-29, 2015 please visit the SAMSI web page at http://www.samsi.info/fs-tutorials)

(5) Improve the JSM experience for new attendees: Serve as a docent or a table host

Docents:

We are seeking volunteers who are willing to serve as docents during JSM 2015. It won’t require a lot of additional time but the impact will be substantial. Docents agree to wear a ribbon and respond to questions to help first-timers navigate JSM and have a successful experience. There will be a docent orientation on Sunday, April 9th at 11:30, and the docents will participate in the reception for First-Timers at 12:30 pm on Sunday. We will also have a “Thank You” Reception for the docents on Wed. Please consider volunteering and encourage colleagues who have attended at least 3 JSMs to volunteer. Contact JSMDocent@amstat.org to volunteer or for more information.

Table Host Info

We are also requesting help from experienced JSM attendees for the First-Timers Reception. We need such people who are willing to serve as table hosts during the reception which takes place on Sunday, August 9th from 12:30 pm – 2 pm. There will be a short program followed by table discussion of how to make the most of JSM. The table hosts will facilitate this discussion. Please share this request and this link http://goo.gl/forms/qA5yoMDPGf with your colleagues and encourage them to volunteer to be table hosts. Interested volunteers may also contact Donna at donnal@amstat.org for more information.
(6) Latest “News from The World of Statistics”


Please share this information with your friends and colleagues.