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(1) ASA Science Policy Fellow

We are now accepting applications for the ASA Science Policy fellowship position to begin as early as this fall: http://ww2.amstat.org/policy/fellowship.cfm. We thank Amy Nussbaum for her successful year as the inaugural ASA science policy fellow and wish her well in your next job!

We’d appreciate any help to recruit our next fellow!

(2) University of Chicago, Department of Statistics: Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies

Req # 03344

The Department of Statistics at the University of Chicago invites applications for the position of Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies. This appointment will be at the academic rank of Senior Lecturer for an initial three-year term, with the possibility of reappointment. The successful candidate will be responsible for coordination and continued development of the undergraduate program, for development of new curriculum, and expected to teach four 10-week undergraduate courses each year. Duties will include assessment of effectiveness of teaching assistants, development or deployment of learning technology in the department and, together with faculty, advising undergraduates, including students majoring and minoring in Statistics, on course selection in the Department.

At the time of appointment, the successful applicant must have completed all requirements for a PhD in Statistics or related field. Demonstrable broad knowledge of the field and outstanding effectiveness and competence in teaching at the undergraduate level are essential. Applications must include descriptions of previous experience in teaching.

All applicants must apply through the University of Chicago’s Academic Jobs website at http://tinyurl.com/kxtocy9 and must upload a cover letter describing past statistical teaching experience, a curriculum vitae, and a teaching statement. Optionally, teaching evaluations may be included. Three letters of reference will be required to be considered as an applicant. Referral letter submission information will be provided during the application submission process. Application screening will begin June 26, 2017, and will continue until the position is filled or the search is closed.

Requests for further information should be sent to search@galton.uchicago.edu.

Funding opportunities and information

(1) NSF Director’s Notes

View NSF Director France Córdova’s monthly message here.

(2) NIH Fall Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration

From around the world each year, new investigators, research administrators, and those new to working with NIH grants and contracts, participate in the NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants
Administration. This 2-day seminar, with a 3rd day of optional workshops, provides a wealth of information for those who desire a better understanding of how the NIH grants process works and the policies behind it all.

Interested? Read on…

• 65 NIH & HHS presenters: They will not only be providing sessions and workshops, but will be available to meet individually with you to ensure you get your questions answered. See the online Faculty Page for details.
• 30+ additional NIH Institute & Center experts: Available for our 1:1 Meet the Expert chats (20 minute conversations between you and the expert of your choice) – this is an opportunity you don't want to miss!
• HHS experts: Hear from and talk to experts from the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of Inspector General (OIG) & Office of Research Integrity (ORI).
• 15-20 different NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs): A great opportunity to receive guidance and hear expert perspectives from a variety of NIH ICs.
• Over 45 different topics: You'll find a wide variety of topics included in 3 tracks during the 2-day seminar, including a track for Administrators, New Investigators and All Interests. Review the draft agenda and list of session descriptions today!
• Interested in delving into some topics even more than what a 1 hour session can provide? Then, consider the Optional Pre-Seminar Workshops on topics such as electronic Research Administration (eRA), Human Subject Research Protections, Intellectual Property & iEdison, and an Administrators Boot Camp.

Register today for the 2017 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Baltimore, MD, October 25-27:

• Wednesday, October 25: Optional Pre-Seminar Workshops
• Thursday-Friday, October 26-27: 2-Day Seminar
• Venue and Seminar Hotel: Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel (Located directly across the street from the scenic Inner Harbor)
• Seminar & Workshop Registration: Info to help get you started on your way to the seminar.
• Room Reservations: Special sleeping room rates have been negotiated with the seminar hotel. Take advantage of this special rate while rooms are still available! This hotel often sells out in advance!
• Find all the details at regionalseminars.od.nih.gov/baltimore2017!

What does the 2-day seminar offer?
The NIH Regional Seminar offers a comprehensive program including such topics as fundamentals of the NIH, compliance, peer review, grant writing for success, pre-award and post-award issues for administrators and investigators, animal and human subject research, and how to interact electronically with NIH. In addition to a strong, track for of sessions for administrators, a track for new investigators will provide step-by-step guidance on mapping your career, an understanding of the funding process and what can be expected up to the time of award. In addition to providing higher level topics that provide insight into the leadership perspective NIH's approach to funding and support of the biomedical
research enterprise, we offer additional special interest sessions on topics like research integrity, foreign collaborations, clinical trials, public access, and so much more.

Optional Pre-Seminar Workshops offered:
A variety of optional workshops are offered on the day prior to the 2-day seminar for attendees wanting a more in-depth look at various grants policies and processes. These include ½ day and full day options on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

**Half Day:**
- NIH electronic Research Administration (eRA) experts provide workshops on application preparation and submission, as well as topic issues related to the eRA Commons;
- "NIH Boot Camp: Getting Started with NIH" is designed for research administrators with no or very little experience working with NIH;
- Intellectual Property and iEdison: NIH experts provide two workshop options depending on your knowledge level;

**Full Day:**
- Workshop on Human Research Protections: OHRP & NIH collaborate to provide this workshop on how to get research protocols through human subjects review.

Who should attend?
The NIH Regional Seminar is intended for those new to the grants process, including sponsored project officers and departmental administrators, investigators, faculty, graduate students, and others involved in the NIH grants process. The presentations during the 2-day seminar are considered basic fundamentals. However, there are a few sessions designed for those with slightly more experience. Approximately 600-700 participants are expected, providing extended opportunities for sharing and learning from peers, as well as the NIH & HHS experts.

What’s the goal of the Seminar?
The goal of the NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration is to offer participants an unparalleled opportunity to gain a better perspective of NIH policies and programs, network with their peers, gather helpful NIH contacts, so that they may return to their offices and/or labs with useful information, resources, and tools to assist in obtaining and managing NIH awards.

When can you register?
Registration is open! These seminars often reach capacity before the seminar dates so start making plans soon. Once again, a "Trainee Discount" will be offered (further details on the registration site.)

Are there other dates and locations?
At this time, locations and dates for future seminars are under consideration. Please check the general NIH Regional Seminar home page for updates on additional seminars at grants.nih.gov/news/contact-in-person/seminars.htm (ListServ info also available).

Inquiries
2017 NIH Regional Seminar Website – Baltimore, MD:
Baltimore, MD (October 25-27, 2017): regionalseminars.od.nih.gov/baltimore2017
(3) NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)

Full Proposal Deadline Date: August 23, 2017

www.nsf.gov/funding/...

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for support of student research: (1) *REU Sites* are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department or may offer interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. Proposals with an international dimension are welcome. (2) *REU Supplements* may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewal NSF grants or cooperative agreements or may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects.

Undergraduate student participants in either REU Sites or REU Supplements must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States.

Students do not apply to NSF to participate in REU activities. Students apply directly to REU Sites or to NSF-funded investigators who receive REU Supplements. To identify appropriate REU Sites, students should consult the directory of active REU Sites on the Web at www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm.

(4) NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)

www.nsf.gov/funding/...

Full Proposal Deadline Date
- July 19, 2017 -- for BIO, CISE, EHR
- July 20, 2017 -- for ENG
- July 21, 2017 -- for GEO, MPS, SBE

*CAREER*: The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from early-career faculty at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.

*PECASE*: Each year NSF selects nominees for the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from among the most meritorious recent CAREER awardees. Selection for this award
is based on two important criteria: 1) innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology that is relevant to the mission of NSF, and 2) community service demonstrated through scientific leadership, education, or community outreach. These awards foster innovative developments in science and technology, increase awareness of careers in science and engineering, give recognition to the scientific missions of the participating agencies, enhance connections between fundamental research and national goals, and highlight the importance of science and technology for the Nation’s future. Individuals cannot apply for PECASE. These awards are initiated by the participating federal agencies. At NSF, up to twenty nominees for this award are selected each year from among the PECASE-eligible CAREER awardees most likely to become the leaders of academic research and education in the twenty-first century. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy makes the final selection and announcement of the awardees.

(5) NSF Enriched Doctoral Training in the Mathematical Sciences (EDT)

Full Proposal Deadline Date July 12, 2017

Synopsis
The long-range goal of the Enriched Doctoral Training in the Mathematical Sciences (EDT) program is to strengthen the nation's scientific competitiveness by increasing the number of well-prepared U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents who pursue careers in the mathematical sciences and in other professions in which expertise in the mathematical sciences plays an increasingly important role. The EDT program will achieve this by supporting efforts to enrich research training in the mathematical sciences at the doctoral level by preparing Ph.D. students to recognize and find solutions to mathematical challenges arising in other fields and in areas outside today's academic setting. Graduate research training activities supported by EDT will prepare participants for a broader range of mathematical opportunities and career paths than has been traditional in U.S. mathematics doctoral training.

www.nsf.gov/funding/...

(6) NIH: Small Grants for Secondary Analyses of Existing Data Sets and Stored Biospecimens (R03)

Small Grants for Secondary Analyses of Existing Data Sets and Stored Biospecimens (R03) (PA-17-299) Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Standard dates apply, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates.

(7) NIH: Request for Information (RFI): National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Initiative for Collecting, Archiving, and Sharing Individual-Level Human Subjects

Request for Information (RFI): National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Initiative for Collecting, Archiving, and Sharing Individual-Level Human Subjects Data (NOT-AA-17-005) National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
(1) Department Chairs Workshop at JSM

Please plan on attending the Caucus of Academic Representatives (CAR) eleventh annual Workshop for Chairs of Programs in Statistics and Biostatistics which will be held at JSM 2017 on Sunday, July 30th beginning at 8:30 am.

The workshop location is Hilton Baltimore Hotel - H-Key Ballroom 4.

See this [page](#) to register for the workshop and to view the tentative agenda.

This year there is NO additional fee for participating in the workshop; however, please register by Friday, July 14th so we have accurate counts for planning purposes.

(2) ASA Symposium on Statistical Inference

SSI Registration Is Now Open!

Scientific Method for the 21st Century: A World Beyond $p < .05$

The new ASA Symposium on Statistical Inference will drive change that leads to lasting improvements in statistical research, decision-making, and communicating and understanding uncertainty. Now is your chance to be part of it!

SSI offers attendees a tremendous opportunity to learn more about sound statistical practice and to shape specific approaches for improving it. The program also includes many opportunities to network, with dedicated time to provide input during Q&A segments in each session.

View the online program to find the discussions that interest you:
We hope to see you there! Early registration and housing close September 12.

(1) Request for mentors and mentees for ASA Stat Ed Section mentoring program

The Mentoring Program of the Section on Statistical Education aims to provide career advice and mentoring to help section members with a focus on education achieve their professional goals. Participants are matched with senior statisticians who have strong records and an interest in teaching and who will serve as mentors.

Mentors can help explore career options, answer questions during a job search, or provide advice on teaching and scholarship. Most importantly, they are available to answer questions and help make connections with the larger statistical education community.

Anyone working in their first five years in a statistics career with a focus on teaching, or within a year of entering a career in the statistical sciences (such as a graduate student), is encouraged to apply to be matched with a mentor. Matches consider several criteria, including career interests, geographical location, and research area, with the goal of matching in at least one of these areas. The mentor request form allows mentees to specify the criteria that matter most to them.

The section is looking for mentors as well as mentees (interested parties should contact Matt Hayat at mhayat@gsu.edu). We encourage members of the Caucus to try to identify possible mentors at their institutions along with mentees that might benefit from the program.

More information can be found at http://community.amstat.org/statisticaleducationsection/home
(2) Funding Opportunities Panel at JSM

The ASA Committee on Funded Research hosts the annual JSM Funding Opportunities Panel that takes place the Sunday of JSM at 12:15 pm, this year July 30 in CC-321. This year’s panel so far has speakers from NIH, NSF, DARPA, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and the National Academy of Education: http://community.amstat.org/blogs/steve-pierson/2017/05/17/asa-committee-on-funded-research-to-host-funding-opportunities-meeting-at-2017-jsm.

We hope you and your faculty can attend! The event tends to attract 50-70 people each year and is scheduled just prior to the start of JSM sessions to minimize scheduling conflicts.

Remember that ASA members can sign up to receive funding solicitations of interest to the statistical community by going to http://community.amstat.org/fundingopportunities/home (or by sending a message to spierson@amstat.org). The group was started by the ASA Committee on Funded Research in 2013 and you can read more about it here.