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Positions

(1) Colorado State University, Department of Statistics: tenure-track faculty position in statistics – data science

The Department of Statistics at Colorado State University invites applications for a tenure track position in statistics. The appointment will be at the Assistant Professor level with duties commencing August 2018. A Ph.D. in statistics or a related field and a commitment to high-quality research in statistics and excellence in teaching are required. The search is open to all areas of statistical inference for data science; for example, statistical machine learning, large-scale computational statistics, and other emerging areas. Applicants should have the ability to contribute to the development and teaching of statistical data science courses at all levels in collaboration with data science partners in Computer Science and Mathematics. Preference will be given to candidates with strong potential to continue the Statistics department's tradition in interdisciplinary research and education.

An application includes a cover letter, complete CV, graduate transcripts, teaching and research statements, and three letters of reference. The CV must address teaching experience. Application materials can be uploaded at https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/50143. Applications completed by November 15, 2017 will receive full consideration.

(2) University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability: open rank position in statistics with emphasis on data science

The Department of Statistics and Applied Probability invites applications for an open rank position (tenure-track or tenured) in Statistics with emphasis on Data Science, starting July 1, 2018.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics, Computer Science or related fields is required by the time of appointment. Demonstrated research and teaching excellence is preferred. The candidate must have a strong research agenda on data science and potential to play a leadership role in developing data science programs at UCSB.

To apply submit CV, cover letter, statement of research, teaching objectives and contact information of four individuals who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation. Materials should be submitted
electronically via UC Recruit: [recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF01097](recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF01097)

Applications should be submitted by December 1, 2017 for priority consideration, but the position will remain open until filled. Additional information: [http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu](http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu).

(3) **University of Central Florida, Department of Statistics: assistant professor**

The Department of Statistics at UCF is in the process of developing a Ph.D. program in Big Data Analytics and expects to hire a nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor of Statistics anticipated to begin in August 2018. The successful candidate will contribute to teaching in the undergraduate and graduate programs and is expected to develop an externally funded, nationally competitive research program in big data analytics. A competitive startup package can be expected. The Department of Statistics at UCF currently offers a B.S. in Statistics, a B.S. in Actuarial Science, an M.S. in Statistical Computing with a track in Data Mining and, beginning August 2018, a Ph.D. in Big Data Analytics.

A Ph.D. in Statistics or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution by the start of hire is required. All but dissertation (ABD) will be considered as long as the doctorate is completed by the date of hire. Preference will be given to those with teaching experience in data mining and big data analytics, statistical machine learning, or a willingness to teach courses in these areas.

Interested applicants must apply using the UCF on-line application system at [https://www.jobswithucf.com](https://www.jobswithucf.com). At the time of application, applicants should also upload their letter of interest, a statement of teaching philosophy, a statement of research interests, curriculum vitae (CV), graduate transcripts, and a list of three references with their contact information. Arrange to have three letters of reference sent to Prof. David Nickerson at [David.Nickerson@ucf.edu](mailto:David.Nickerson@ucf.edu).

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For more information contact the department at 407-823-5562 or visit the department's web site at [http://sciences.ucf.edu/statistics/](http://sciences.ucf.edu/statistics/)

For more information about UCF, visit [http://ucf.edu](http://ucf.edu).

(4) **Job Openings at Fors Marsh Group: Researcher, Survey Statistician, Quantitative Social Scientist**

Details on each at

- [formarshgroup.applytojob.com/apply/A5jEHMtNVC/...](formarshgroup.applytojob.com/apply/A5jEHMtNVC/...)
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(5) **University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition: assistant professor of health data analytics**

The Department of Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition at The University of Texas at San Antonio invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor appointment in Health Data Analytics. The successful candidate will teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, conduct collaborative research, secure
external funding, and provide professional service to the university and community. Information about the department can be found at education.utsa.edu/health_and_kinesiology.

(6) Michigan State University, Department of Statistics and Probability: open rank faculty position

The Department of Statistics and Probability at Michigan State University (MSU) plans to fill one open rank tenure-stream faculty position, to begin in August 2018. Rank will be commensurate with qualifications.

Excellent candidates are sought in strong growth areas in the core of modern statistical theory and methods. A typical candidate will be an energetic and talented researcher with a nationally established record or strong potential for such, working in mathematical statistics and/or statistical-theory-driven methodology. In both cases, work should be grounded in scientific applications, either directly or with clear implications for application. Potential areas of application include, but are not limited to, the environmental sciences and climate change, genetic/genomic data analysis, image analysis, precision medicine and health outcomes, physics and astronomy, and the agricultural sciences. All exceptional candidates in the statistical sciences and probability, at all career levels, are encouraged to apply. Successful candidates will have established, or have demonstrated strong potential for, an externally funded research program that contributes to the knowledge base in the statistical sciences of relevant areas, with publications in top-tier statistics journals.

A doctorate in statistics or in a closely allied discipline is required. In addition to a strong and compelling research program, candidates are expected to provide evidence or potential for high quality teaching in undergraduate and graduate level statistics courses. For senior applicants, evidence of robust external funding and graduate training record are essential, while evidence of engagement with national or international disciplinary organizations, and connections with industrial, government, and/or other professional sectors, are desirable.

Online application is required. To complete the online application, please visit www.mathjobs.org/jobs/jobs/10676. Applications should include a cover letter, CV, statement of research plans, and a one-page teaching statement, all in a single PDF file. In addition, for applicants seeking the rank of Tenure-track Assistant Professor, four letters of recommendation should be submitted electronically from recommenders through this application system, at least one of which addresses teaching skills and excellence in some detail, while for applicants seeking ranks with tenure at MSU, names and contact information of at least four recommenders who may be contacted by the search committee, at least one of whom should address teaching skills and excellence, should be included in the online application. Applications received by Dec 4, 2018 will receive full consideration, but the search will continue until the position is filled. For strong candidates for a position with tenure, recommendation letters will be requested by the search committee with the applicants' consent. Questions regarding the positions may be directed to Prof. Yuehua Cui, Chair of the search committee, at cui@stt.msu.edu.

(7) University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of Mathematics and Statistics: assistant/associate professor level in statistics

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the assistant/associate professor level in statistics at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte starting August, 2018. Required qualifications are a Ph.D.
degree or equivalent in statistics, biostatistics, financial statistics, or other area of applied statistics, with a strong research interest in data science; a commitment to establishing a productive research program, and a commitment to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. This position is part of the department's effort to support the data science program at UNC Charlotte. Therefore, preference will be given to applicants with expertise and experience in computational statistics and big data, especially with applications in banking, health, energy, or retail; a strong commitment to interdisciplinary research and commensurate experience; potential for external funding; and a demonstrated commitment to teaching a diverse student body.

Applications must be made electronically at https://jobs.uncc.edu (position number 006596) and must include a letter of interest that addresses the requirements for the position, a curriculum vitae, a statement of research plans (part of which must be a statement stating previous experience or plan for interdisciplinary research), a statement of teaching experience, philosophy, and interests, and copies (either official or unofficial) of graduate transcripts. Applicants must also arrange to have three letters of reference on appropriate letterhead stationery forwarded (in PDF format, if submitted electronically) on their behalf to Statistics Search Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223, or via email to Ms. Sarah Hornbeck (srhornbe@uncc.edu) with "Statistics Position Reference" in the subject line.

Evaluations of applications will commence on November 15, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

(8) Bowling Green State University, Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research: department chair

Dear Colleagues,

I trust that things are going well for you.

I want to reach out to you about a potential chair position opening at the Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research in the College of Business at Bowling Green State University, pending final position and budget authorization. We are looking for a mid-career/senior/associate/full professor hire to chair a quantitative department in a college of business which is involved in a number of college-wide and university-wide data science/analytics related degree programs, activities and centers. These include an undergraduate specialization in business analytics and intelligence, an undergraduate specialization in data science, a master of science in applied statistics, a master of science in analytics, and an upcoming Ph.D. in data science. In addition, the person is also going to lead the Center for Business Analytics in the college. We are looking for individuals with the following qualities:

- Data science related research areas such as statistics, data science, operations research and industrial engineering;
- Some industrial experiences, or demonstrated success of working with companies on data science projects, or/and obtaining federal or private grants;
- Demonstrated track record of research, preferably in areas combining statistics and data science;
- Has served in some leadership capacity, such as chair/director/graduate program coordinator, or similar activities.
I would really appreciate it if you can forward me the names and affiliations of individuals whom you think would have the right profile.

Thanks again for your help. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Arthur Yeh
byeh@bgsu.edu

(9) University of Florida Department of Statistics: three assistant professor positions

The Department of Statistics at the University of Florida invites applications for three full-time, nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professors to begin in August 2018.

There will be one position in each of the following three areas: 1) analysis of spatio-temporal data; 2) statistical/machine learning, and 3) computational statistics. Duties for each position include teaching, research, and service. A PhD in statistics or a closely related field is required.

For full consideration, applications must be submitted online at [jobs.ufl.edu/] job numbers 504714, 504708, and 504709, respectively for the three positions, and must include: (1) a letter summarizing the applicant’s qualifications, ongoing research directions, and interests in the Department, (2) a complete curriculum vitae, and (3) teaching/research statement. In addition, names and email address for three references must be provided on the application. An email will be sent automatically to your references, requesting them to upload their letter. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2017 and will continue until the positions are filled.

(10) Columbia University, Teachers College: open rank position in mathematics education (including statistics education)

Teachers College invites applicants for an open rank, tenure-track or tenured faculty position in mathematics education (which includes statistics education) within the Program in Mathematics. We seek a colleague who will make important scholarly contributions to the Program, which has a long and rich tradition of excellence in preparing leaders, researchers, and educators. A successful candidate will have an earned doctorate in mathematics or mathematics education at the time of appointment and a demonstrated ability to pursue an active research agenda in a significant area of mathematics education (which includes statistics education). Applicants should be qualified to teach graduate-level courses in at least two areas of mathematics (which may include statistics) and in two or more areas of mathematics education. Preference will be given to candidates with prior experience teaching school mathematics (which may include statistics). All candidates are expected to demonstrate their ability to establish a research program and potential to obtain external funding. Candidates also are expected to establish a record of continuous, scholarly productivity and a record of leadership. Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Rank: Open rank, Tenure Track or Tenured

Send: CV, a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and research interests, two representative publications (or manuscripts prepared for publication), and three references (with contact information) to Professor Alexander Karp, Search Committee Chair, by email at: tcmath@tc.edu
or by mail at: Teachers College, Columbia University, 525 West 120th Street, Box 195, New York, NY 10027.

Review of applications will begin by November 15, 2017 and continue until the search is completed. The appointment will begin September 2018.

### Funding opportunities and information

(1) Request for Information (RFI): Next-Generation Data Science Challenges in Health and Biomedicine

(NOT-LM-17-006)

On behalf of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Library of Medicine (NLM) seeks community input on new data science research initiatives that could address key challenges currently faced by researchers, clinicians, administrators, and others, in all areas of biomedical, social/behavioral and health-related research. The field of data science is broad in scope, encompassing approaches for the generation, characterization, management, storage, analysis, visualization, integration and use of large, heterogeneous data sets that have relevance to health and biomedicine. Data science undergirds the broad and interdependent objectives of the NIH Strategic Plan ([www.nih.gov/about-nih/nih-wide-strategic-plan](http://www.nih.gov/about-nih/nih-wide-strategic-plan)).

Information about data science research directions that could lead to breakthroughs in any or all NIH interest areas is welcomed, whether applicable across wide swaths of health and biomedicine, or focused on particular research domains.

**Background**

During the past five years, and in response to a 2012 working group report on data and informatics issued by the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director (ACD) ([acd.od.nih.gov/working-groups/diwg.html](http://acd.od.nih.gov/working-groups/diwg.html)), NIH has made substantial investments in a data science infrastructure of tools, resources and workforce components of a digital research ecosystem for health and biomedicine. ([commonfund.nih.gov/bd2k](http://commonfund.nih.gov/bd2k)). Building on this foundation, the landscape of data science research has evolved and is rapidly changing, within and beyond the NIH, its institutes, centers, and offices. In 2015, another ACD working group recommended that NLM become the programmatic and administrative home for data science at NIH, complementing NIH's efforts to catalyze open science, data science and research reproducibility ([acd.od.nih.gov/documents/reports/...](http://acd.od.nih.gov/documents/reports/...)). Accordingly, to help NIH continue to strengthen and expand the scope of its investments in data science, NLM seeks information from public and private organizations (e.g., universities and industry) and individuals on promising data science research directions in health and biomedicine.

**Information Requested**

NLM requests information on the three focal areas listed below:
1. **Promising directions for new data science research in the context of health and biomedicine.** Input might address such topics as *Data Driven Discovery and Data Driven Health Improvement*.

2. **Promising directions for new initiatives relating to open science and research reproducibility.** Input might address such topics as *Advanced Data Management and Intelligent and Learning Systems for Health*.

3. **Promising directions for workforce development and new partnerships.** Input might address such topics as *Workforce Development and Diversity and New Stakeholder Partnerships*.

Within these general topic areas, or others related to data science in health and biomedicine, NLM invites researchers, clinicians, organizations, industry representatives and other interested parties to provide input on:

- Research areas that could benefit most from advanced data science methods and approaches;
- Data science methods that need updating, or gap areas where new approaches are needed;
- Priorities for new data science research;
- Appropriate partnerships and settings for expanded data science research.

**How to Submit a Response**

Response to this RFI must be submitted to [www.research.net/r/NLMDataSci](http://www.research.net/r/NLMDataSci) by November 1, 2017. Responses should be provided in a narrative form of up to 3 pages per topic, with links to pertinent supplemental information if needed. No attachments will be accepted. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary. This RFI seeks input for planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation for applications or an obligation on the part of the Federal Government, the National Institutes of Health, or individual NIH Institutes or Centers. The information collected will not be considered confidential, but identifiers (names, institutions, emails, etc.) will be removed when responses are compiled. Processed, anonymized results may be shared internally or with members of health-related scientific work groups, or may be posted on an NIH public website, as appropriate. The NIH will acknowledge receipt of information submitted, but will not comment on the content.

**Inquiries**

Please direct all inquiries to:
Valerie Florance, PhD
National Library of Medicine (NLM)
Telephone: 301-496-4621
Email: NLMEPInfo@mail.nih.gov

(2) **NIH Data Coordinating Center for the Accelerating Medicines Partnership Target Discovery and Preclinical Validation Consortium**

Limited Competition: Data Coordinating Center for the Accelerating Medicines Partnership Target Discovery and Preclinical Validation Consortium AMP-AD DCC (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
(3) NIH Analyzing and Interpreting Clinician and Patient Adverse Event Data to Better Understand Tolerability (U01)

Analyzing and Interpreting Clinician and Patient Adverse Event Data to Better Understand Tolerability (U01)

(4) NIH BD2K Webinar Series: Fundamentals in Data Science

We are excited to announce new speakers for our 2nd year of the series. The hour long webinars will air at 9amPT/12pmET on their scheduled dates. Please view a list of scheduled speakers in the table listed below, and visit our webpage for login information.

For login and registration information, visit: bigdatau.ini.usc.edu/data-science-seminars.

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(5) NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) opportunities

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based Master’s and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions. The program provides up to three years of support, including an annual $34,000 stipend, for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant achievements in science and engineering research.

The GRFP awards more than 2,000 new fellowships each year. The number of these fellowships awarded to students doing research in each subject area depends strongly on the number of applications received in that area. The fraction of fellowships in subject areas supported by the NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) in 2017 was just over 3.9% of the total. There remains room for improvement in participation by the mathematical sciences community.
In the years 2013 through 2017, GRFP awards in the mathematical sciences were given to students who earned baccalaureate degrees from the 159 institutions listed below. The number of baccalaureate institutions in this list has been growing through the years.

I encourage the DMS community to inform eligible students about this program and to urge them to apply. This is a terrific opportunity for the mathematical sciences community. US citizens and permanent residents who are planning to enter graduate school in an NSF-supported discipline next fall, or in the first two years of such a graduate program, or who are returning to graduate school after being out for two or more years, are eligible. The applicant information page (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants) and the program solicitation (http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201) contain the necessary details.

Applications for Mathematical Sciences topics are due October 27, 2017.

The GRFP also needs qualified faculty reviewers. Review panels are conducted by videoconference. Please see the panelist information page (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/panelist_info) and consider volunteering to serve as a panelist by registering at https://nsfgrfp.org/panelists.

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Acting Division Director
Division of Mathematical Sciences

Workshops and Conferences

(1) **24th Annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS)**

This year, BASS XXIV will be held at the Hotel Indigo in the charming historic city Savannah of Georgia on October 23-27, 2017. This year's program will include both oral and poster presentations. The oral presentations usually last 45 minutes to an hour to allow ample time for the presenters to share their research and allow for an in-depth discussion with the audience. The presentations range from innovative methodologies of statistical designs to big data analysis of clinical trials and medical research. In addition, the symposium has also dedicated half a day to the discussions of regulatory requirements and issues presented by researchers from regulatory agencies from the U.S., Europe, and the rest of the world. For online program and registration information, please visit BASS website http://www.bassconference.org/. If you are interested in submitting a poster presentation, please reach out to Anthony Segreti segretia@bellsouth.net.

Awards

(1) **Adrienne Cupples Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Service in Biostatistics**

This annual award recognizes a biostatistician whose academic achievements reflect the contributions to teaching, research, and service exemplified by Professor L. Adrienne Cupples. Dr. Cupples joined the
faculty at the Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH) in 1981 and later served as founding Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Co-Executive Director of the Graduate Program in Biostatistics. During her tenure at BUSPH, she advanced the field of biostatistics through extensive publications in major journals and book chapters on collaborative and methodological research, development and effective teaching of a wide range of biostatistics courses, and mentorship of numerous graduate students and faculty.

To be eligible, the nominee must be an internationally recognized statistician/biostatistician who had made significant contributions to the statistical sciences through teaching, research, and service, and who will be willing to deliver a lecture at the award ceremony held in the Department of Biostatistics at Boston University on April 5th, 2018.

Nominations should include the nominee's name and contact information, rationale for the nomination not exceeding 2 pages in length, and the nominee's curriculum vitae. Nominations may be made by faculty, collaborators, students, or staff working with or familiar with the work of the nominee. Nominations will be accepted through November 17th, 2017 and the winner will be notified by December 1st, 2017.

Please send nominations via e-mail to:
Josée Dupuis, PhD
Professor and Chair, Department of Biostatistics
dupuis@bu.edu

(2) NSF Alan T. Waterman Award: Call for Nominations

NSF Alan T. Waterman Award nominations due October 23, recognizing young (<41yrs) researchers

(1) Health Policy Statistics Section Student Paper Competition – JSM 2018

The Health Policy Statistics Section (HPSS) of the American Statistical Association (ASA) cordially invites submissions to our student paper competition for the 2018 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). Papers entered in the competition should show thorough and appropriate statistical analyses of health policy problems, issues, or questions pertinent to the goals of the ASA Health Policy Statistics Section. Papers focused on advances in statistical theory or statistical methodology are also encouraged provided that they are sufficiently motivated by problems in health policy. The student must be the first author on the paper if there are other co-authors. Current undergraduate or graduate students at any level, as well as those graduating in 2017 who wish to present research they conducted as students, are eligible to participate. Up to five prizes will be awarded. Each winner will be awarded

- an $800 (USD) check,
- a certificate, and
- a ticket to the Wednesday HPSS Speaker with Lunch roundtable.
Students should follow ASA competition guidelines below. Winners, if applying for student paper awards from two sections, must notify both sections if they accept an award from one and then remove themselves from consideration for the award of the other section.

The award for the HPSS student paper competition is an excellent opportunity for students to present their work and launch their professional careers. HPSS has received submissions of very high quality in previous years. If you have a teaching or mentoring role, please bring this to the attention of your students and encourage them to apply.

The following general policies and procedures apply to all ASA section competitions:

- All materials must be received by the Section by December 15, 2017.
- Winners will be notified by January 15, 2018.
- Competition winners must submit abstracts and register for JSM through the official JSM abstract submission system by the deadline.
- Students may submit papers to no more than two sections and may accept only one section's award. Students must inform both sections applied to when he or she wins and accepts an award, thereby removing the student from the award competition for the second section.
- Students planning to participate in section competitions must adhere to the eligibility, paper format, submission process, and other requirements of the sections to which they are applying.

The following policies are specific to the HPSS student paper competition:

- Competition winners must present their paper in a special topic contributed session and no other session.
- Competition winners are encouraged to attend the HPSS Monday night business meeting/mixer in order to receive their awards.

Applications should include:

- A cover letter including name, current affiliation and status including actual or intended date of graduation, and contact information (address, telephone, e-mail) of the applicant;
- An abstract of up to 1200 characters;
- Two drafts of the paper: blinded and unblended. The title, abstract, keywords, the body of the manuscript, acknowledgements and the references (excluding tables and figures) should not exceed 25 pages (A4 or letter, double space).
- A letter from the adviser certifying student status (or completion of degree within the past year).

Applications must be submitted by email (PDF files preferred) to Roee Gutman by 5 PM EST December 15, 2017.

For further information and to apply, please contact:
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