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Revised Guidance on Resumption of NIH Extramural Activities Following the Recent Lapse in Appropriations

Key Dates: Release Date: October 22, 2013
Related Announcements
NOT-OD-14-002
NOT-OD-14-003
NOT-OD-14-006

Issued by National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose
This Notice is to inform the community that NIH has revised its approach to resuming operations after the government shutdown. This Notice supersedes NOT-OD-14-003.

Responding to input from applicants and reviewers, NIH has reevaluated the plans for rescheduling initial peer review meetings that were cancelled due to the government shutdown. NIH will now reschedule most of the 200+ missed peer review meetings so that most applications are able to be considered at January 2014 Council meetings.

Opportunity to "Refresh" Applications that are Reassigned to May 2014 Advisory Council
As this is an unprecedented situation where the review meetings are being rescheduled under tight time
frames, scheduling complexities may prevent the evaluation of the full complement of applications for this round. Thus, while it is thought to be a small number, there may be some applications that cannot be reviewed in time for the January 2014 Advisory Council. These applications will be reassigned to the May 2014 Advisory Council and both the principal investigator and the signing official listed on the grant application will receive an email notification alerting them to the change during the week of November 4, 2013. NIH will also adjust the meeting dates listed in the eRA Commons for these refresh-eligible applications to 09/09/9999 so the applications can be easily identified.

Applications reassigned to the May 2014 Advisory Council will proceed to initial peer review in February/March 2014 without any action from the applicant. However, NIH is giving these applicants the option of withdrawing and submitting a refreshed application. If you choose to refresh your application, follow the steps below carefully:

Withdraw the existing application by November 15.

Submit the refreshed application to the original funding opportunity announcement (FOA), if possible. If that FOA has closed, submit to the appropriate parent announcement. If there is no parent announcement for that activity code, send an e-mail to grantsinfo@od.nih.gov with the previous FOA number and we will work with you to get the application submitted.

Submit a cover letter with the refreshed application. Indicate that you are refreshing your application for the May 2014 council round, include the previous application number, and provide the previous study section assignment. Applicants are welcome to use the email notification they received from NIH as the cover letter. Make the refreshed application a "new", "resubmission" or "renewal" to match the withdrawn application. All refreshed applications are due by December 11, 2013. No late applications will be accepted for this special receipt date.

Only applicants who are reassigned to May 2014 Advisory Council round, and who are notified by NIH of their eligibility to refresh an application, may submit for the December 11 deadline. Any other applications for this deadline will not be reviewed. As always, other applications that are rescheduled for review this round may be withdrawn for any reason, as per our usual process, and submitted for the next standard deadline.

Please direct all inquiries to:
NIH Grants Information
Telephone: 301-435-0714
Email: grantsinfo@od.nih.gov

Positions

ASSISTANT / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR POSITION
DEPARTMENTS of STATISTICS and of BIOSTATISTICS & MEDICAL INFORMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The Departments of Statistics and of Biostatistics & Medical Informatics (BMI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are seeking to fill a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor position starting
August 2014 contingent upon budget authorization. Ph.D. required in Statistics, Biostatistics, or closely related field, and expertise in statistical theory, methodology, and/or applications. Relevant interest areas include, but are not limited to, bioinformatics, statistical genetics and genomics, and computational biology. Research activity in human genetics or genomics is especially of interest. Duties include teaching at all levels as well as the training of graduate students. Candidates for Associate Professor must possess experience and scholarly credentials for appointment with tenure at UW-Madison.

The Department of Statistics has 22 regular faculty members and more than 125 graduate students. Many faculty members have joint appointments in other departments. The Department is well known for its strong interplay between statistical theory, methodology, and practice. It offers a stimulating research environment as well as opportunities for collaborative research in other departments. The BMI Department is home to over 20 faculty members with expertise in statistical genetics and genomics, clinical and population health biostatistics, image analysis and biomedical informatics. Faculty collaborate with scientists across UW and the state, including the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, the Carbone Cancer Center, and the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. The Department maintains strong ties to the world-class Departments of Computer Sciences and of Statistics, through which many of its graduate students are trained.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is a world-class academic institution with an international reputation for basic, applied, and interdisciplinary research. UW-Madison recently surpassed $1 billion in annual research expenditures and ranks third in the nation in science and engineering expenditures. Madison provides a vibrant, culturally rich environment highly ranked in national surveys for quality of life.

Please see www.stat.wisc.edu for further information.

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 16, 2013, and should include a letter of interest, detailed resume, copy of transcripts, summary of thesis and/or copies of research papers, and at least three letters of reference. At least one of the letters should speak to the applicant's effectiveness as a teacher. Please reference PVL# 78000 with your application. All application materials should be sent to:

Search Committee
Department of Statistics
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1300 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53706-1532

AA/EOE. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding the applicants must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality. A criminal background check will be required prior to employment. This position is contingent on university funding.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITION, DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON
The Department of Statistics at the University of Wisconsin is seeking to fill a tenure-track Assistant Professor position starting August 2014 contingent upon budget authorization. Ph.D. in Statistics or closely related quantitative field required prior to start of appointment. Candidates should have research interests in statistical theory and/or methodology. Duties include teaching at all levels as well as the training of graduate students.

The Department has 22 regular faculty members and more than 125 graduate students. Many faculty members have joint appointments in other departments. The Department is well known for its strong interplay between statistical theory, methodology, and practice. We offer a stimulating research environment as well as opportunities for collaborative research with faculty and staff in other departments.

The Department has an extensive computing facility, including a LINUX-based network. The facilities support the use of several scientific programming languages and a number of powerful statistical and numerical packages, including R, SAS, Maple, and MATLAB. Further, we are connected through the Center for High Throughput Computing with the Open Science Grid for large scale distributed computing.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison ranks among the top universities in the country in research expenditures and provides excellent support for faculty seeking external funding. Internal research support is available from funds provided by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. Madison is a pleasant medium-sized city (about 250,000 population) located in the lake region of southern Wisconsin. It is the state capital with a large base for educational research and government activities as well as university-industry interaction. The university and community offer outstanding intellectual, cultural and recreational activities. Madison's quality of life always ranks very high among cities of comparable size as a place to work and live.

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 16, 2013, and should include a letter of interest, detailed resume, copy of transcripts, summary of thesis and/or copies of research papers, and at least three letters of reference. At least one of the letters should speak to the applicant's effectiveness as a teacher. Please reference PVL# 77999 with your application. All application materials should be sent to:

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Conferences

“Unconference” on the Future of Statistics

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to announce the first ever “Unconference” on the Future of Statistics on October 30th from 12-1pm EDT co-hosted by the Johns Hopkins Department of Biostatistics and the Simply Statistics blog. We were inspired by the workshop on the Future of Statistical Sciences (Nov. 11-12) organized by Statistics 2013 and we decided to build on their great idea. It is an incredible time to be a statistician and discussing the future of our discipline is of utmost importance to us.

This unconference will feature some of the most exciting and innovative statistical thinkers in the field discussing their views on the future of the field and focusing on issues that affect junior statisticians the most: education, new methods, software development, collaborations with natural sciences/social sciences, and the relationship between statistics and industry.

The confirmed presenters are:
Daniela Witten, Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington
Hongkai Ji, Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins University
Joe Blitzstein, Professor of the Practice, Department of Statistics, Harvard University
Sinan Aral, Associate Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management
Hadley Wickham, Chief Scientist, RStudio
Hilary Mason, Chief Data Scientist at Accel Partners

The unconference will be hosted on Google Hangouts and will be simultaneously live-streamed on YouTube. After the presenters have finished there will be a brief panel discussion with the presenters. For those who cannot make it to the live broadcast, we will maintain a recorded version for viewing on YouTube.

Further information about the unconference can be found at http://simplystatistics.org/unconference.

Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference - November 4-6, 2013

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

The FCSM Research Conference will be held as scheduled on November 4-6, 2013. Registration is currently OPEN. Register now to attend this informative event!


Conference Information: Please see the FCSM website, http://www.fcsm.gov/events/, for information on the conference program, location, lodging or other conference information.
Other News

National Science Board Increases Access to Science and Engineering Indicators

How proficient are American students in math and science?
How much does the U.S. spend on Research & Development?
What does the job market look like for STEM graduates?

The answers to these questions, and more, are now available through two new digital tools from the National Science Board (NSB).

The NSB’s STEM Education Data and Trends tool http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/sei is an online tool featuring indicators on the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) pipeline, spanning pre-K through the workforce. The online tool is mobile, print, and Twitter friendly, and provides insights for everyone with a stake in STEM education.

The tool includes the latest federal government data, primarily from the NSB’s Science and Engineering Indicators report http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/seind12/start.htm, a comprehensive source of high-quality data on the state of science and technology in the U.S. and abroad. That report is now available as part of a free SEI app for iPad in the iTunes App Store https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/science-engineering-indicators/id688898067. The SEI app allows users to bookmark, share information and easily navigate content and provides access to the SEI Digest as well as the two most recent NSB companion reports.

More Information:
For questions or comments, please contact Matthew Wilson (mbwilson@nsf.gov) at the NSB office.