Positions:
(1) NSF Directorate of Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE): Division Director, Division of Social and Economic Sciences
(2) NSF Office of International Science and Engineering: Head
(3) NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences: program director positions
(4) Department of Statistics, University of California, Irvine: Assistant Professor of Statistics
(5) Department of Statistics, Oregon State University: full professor
(6) SAS Summer Fellowship in Econometrics
(7) Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine: postdoctoral position
(8) Department of Statistics, University of Michigan: lecturer

Funding:
(1) Interdisciplinary Research in Hazards and Disasters (Hazards SEES)

Other opportunities:
(1) 2015 Joint ICSA and Graybill Conference
(2) Focus Group for Directors of Graduate Studies at JSM 2015
The Division Director serves as a member of the SBE Directorate leadership team and as a principal spokesperson in the area of social and economic sciences for the Foundation. Provides leadership and direction to the NSF Division responsible for funding research and education activities, both nationally and internationally, to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on the classic disciplines of economics, political science, and sociology and such vibrant interdisciplinary fields as decision making and risk, law and social science, and science and technology studies. Assesses needs and trends involving the social and economics sciences, implements overall strategic planning and policy setting for the Division, provides leadership and guidance to Division staff members, determines funding requirements, prepares and justifies budget estimates, balances program needs, allocates resources, oversees the evaluation of proposals and recommendations for awards and declinations, and represents NSF to relevant external groups. Fosters partnerships with other Divisions, Directorates, Federal agencies, scientific organizations, and the academic community. Supervises performance management (directly or indirectly) for the scientific and administrative staff.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

EXECUTIVE/MANAGERIAL

Essential
1. Leading Change. Demonstrated ability to bring about strategic change, both within and outside the organization, to meet organizational goals. Includes the ability to establish an organizational vision and to implement it in a continuously changing environment.
2. Leading People. Demonstrated ability to lead people toward meeting the organization's vision, mission, and goals. Includes the ability to provide an inclusive workplace that fosters the development of others, facilitates cooperation and teamwork, and supports constructive resolution conflicts.
3. Results-Driven Leadership. Demonstrated ability to meet organizational goals and customer expectations. Includes the ability to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying technical knowledge, analyzing problems, and calculating risks.
4. Business Acumen. Demonstrated ability to manage human, financial, and information resources strategically.
5. Building Coalitions. Demonstrated ability to build coalitions internally and with other governments, or internal organizations to achieve common goals.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL
Essential
1. Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience or combination of education and equivalent experience in the social and economic sciences (e.g., disciplines of
economics, political science, sociology, decision making and risk, law and social science, and science and technology studies, or related field).
2. Substantial research contributions and strong evidence of scholarship in the social and economic sciences or a closely related field as evidenced in publications, awards and/or innovative leadership in research administration.
3. Skill in balancing complex and diverse program demands and available resources in response to major advances or changing needs of science and engineering research and technology, and demonstrated ability to exercise sound professional judgment in recommending the initiation of research in the field of social and economic sciences.
4. Broad understanding of universities and other institutions where research and education in science and engineering is conducted. Knowledge of grant administration and fiscal management with experience in social and economic sciences research support.

Applications will be accepted from US Citizens. Due to a recent change in Federal Appropriations Law, only Non-citizens who are permanent US residents and actively seeking citizenship can be considered. Therefore, you are required to provide documentation that confirms you are actively seeking citizenship at the time you submit your application. Non-citizens who do not provide documentation will not be considered. For more information about employment of non-citizens: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Employment_of_Non-citizens

Application Instructions: You may view the vacancy announcement (SES-2014-0013) for this position at USAJOBS: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/383805300?org=NSF Please submit a current CV accompanied by a cover letter or supplemental statement that addresses the qualification requirements of the position. Applications should be transmitted electronically to execsrch@nsf.gov or mailed or delivered to the following address:

National Science Foundation
Executive Personnel and Visiting Personnel Branch
Division of Human Resource Management
4201 Wilson Boulevard Room 315 – SES-2014-0013
Arlington, VA 22230
ATTN: Dominique McCracken
(703) 292-2415

General inquiries should be directed to:

Dr. Fay Lomax Cook
Search Committee Coordinator
fcook@nsf.gov

Sincerely,
Dr. Fay Lomax Cook
Search Committee Coordinator
NSF is an equal opportunity employer committed to employing a highly qualified staff that reflects the diversity of our nation.

(2) NSF Office of International Sciences and Engineering: Head

Dear Colleague:

We have initiated a national search for the National Science Foundation's Head, Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) and seek your assistance in the identification of candidates.

OISE oversees NSF's international research and education portfolio, and works closely with our disciplinary research directorates to develop an agency-wide strategy to cultivate international collaboration. The Office Head is a member of the NSF senior management team, and communicates and interacts with all of the staff, programs, and activities of the Foundation. The incumbent advises the Director, Deputy Director, and other senior managers on issues related to international scientific collaboration. The Office Head leads a diverse group of 31 program managers, analysts, and support staff at NSF headquarters, as well as nine staff at three overseas offices in Paris, Tokyo, and Beijing. Attached, in PDF format, is a signed version of this letter, along with an information sheet that summarizes OISE’s activities and the responsibilities of the position, together with the criteria that will be used in the search.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Anne C. Petersen, President of the Global Philanthropy Alliance at the University of Michigan, and a former NSF Deputy Director, will chair the search advisory committee. The other committee members are: Dr. Susan Avery, President and Director of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute; Dr. John Boright, Executive Director of International Affairs for the National Academies; Dr. Richard Meserve, President Emeritus of the Carnegie Institution for Science; Dr. Geraldine Richmond, the Richard M. and Patricia H. Noyes Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oregon, and a sitting member of the National Science Board; and ex officio member Dr. Richard Buckius, Chief Operating Officer at NSF. I appreciate that each of these very busy, very accomplished individuals are willing to lend their time and expertise to help us fill this vital position.

We seek your help in identifying candidates with these qualifications: outstanding leadership; a deep sense of scholarship; a grasp of the issues involved with international science collaborations among a diverse community of researchers and stakeholders; and the ability to serve effectively as a key member of the NSF management team. Recommendations of individuals from any sector - academic, industry, or government - are welcome. The National Science Foundation is an equal opportunity employer committed to employing a highly qualified staff that reflects the diversity of our nation.
Please send your recommendations, including any supporting information that you can provide, to the OISE Search Advisory Committee via email (isesrch@nsf.gov) or via postal mail to: National Science Foundation, Office of the Director, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Your assistance in this very important task is appreciated.

Sincerely,

/// signed ///

France A. Córdova
Director

National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1205
Arlington, VA 22230

(3) NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences: program director positions

Dear Colleagues,

The Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS), within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation (NSF), announces a nationwide search for mathematical sciences professionals to fill Program Director positions. Formal consideration of interested applications will begin on November 18, 2014 and will continue until selections are made.

NSF Program Directors bear the primary responsibility for carrying out the Agency’s overall mission. To discharge this responsibility requires not only knowledge in the appropriate disciplines, but also a commitment to high standards, a considerable breadth of interest and receptivity to new ideas, a strong sense of fairness, good judgment, and a high degree of personal integrity.

For more information about the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS), please visit the website at www.nsf.gov/dir/index.jsp?div=DMS.

 Applicants should have a Ph.D. or equivalent training in a field of the mathematical sciences plus, after award of the Ph.D., six or more years of successful research pertinent to the position. Applicants should have a broad knowledge of one of the relevant disciplinary areas of the Division of Mathematical Sciences, a knowledge of the general scientific community, skill in written communication and preparation of technical reports, an ability to communicate orally, and successful independent research normally expected of the academic rank of associate professor or higher. Some administrative experience and experience working in teams are desirable. Appointees are expected to function effectively both within specific programs and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. Skills in multidisciplinary research are highly desirable.
The positions may be filled under one of the following appointment alternatives:

Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) Act: Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment with a Federal agency include employees of State and local government agencies or institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, and other eligible organizations in instances where such assignments would be of mutual benefit to the organizations involved. Initial assignments under IPA provisions may be made for a period up to two years, with a possible extension for up to an additional two-year period. The individual remains an employee of the home institution and NSF provides the negotiated funding toward the assignee’s salary and benefits. Initial IPA assignments are made for a one-year period and may be extended by mutual agreement.

Visiting Scientist Appointment: Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Visiting Scientists are on non-paid leave status from their home institution and placed on the NSF payroll. NSF withholds Social Security taxes and pays the home institution’s contributions to maintain retirement and fringe benefits (i.e., health benefits and life insurance), either directly to the home institution or to the carrier. Appointments are usually made for a one-year period and may be extended for an additional year by mutual agreement.

Temporary Excepted Service Appointment: Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Candidates who do not have civil service or reinstatement eligibility will not obtain civil service status if selected. Candidates currently in the competitive service will be required to waive competitive civil service rights if selected. Usual civil service benefits (retirement, health benefits, and life insurance) are applicable for appointments of more than one year. Temporary appointments may not exceed three years.

For additional information on NSF’s rotational programs, please visit “Programs for Scientists, Engineers, and Educators” on the NSF website at: [http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/rotators/](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/rotators/).

Applications will be accepted from US Citizens. Recent changes in Federal Appropriations Law require Non-Citizens to meet certain eligibility criteria to be considered. Therefore, Non-Citizens must certify eligibility by signing and attaching this Citizenship Affidavit to their application. Non-citizens who do not provide the affidavit at the time of application will be considered as an IPA only.

Should you or your colleagues be interested in this position, or wish to nominate suitable candidates, please email a current CV accompanied by a cover letter highlighting the background that specifically relates to the program objectives to:

Dr. Michael Vogelius, Division Director
Division of Mathematical Sciences
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1025
(4) Department of Statistics, University of California, Irvine: Assistant Professor of Statistics

Open Nov 3, 2014 through Feb 28, 2015
Next review date: December 15th, 2014
Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee

The Department of Statistics (www.stat.ucl.edu) at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position beginning July 1, 2015. The department has a strongly interdisciplinary flavor, focused on developing methods to solve applied problems and advancing the statistical theory that underlies those methods. We are searching for faculty with strong research potential and enthusiasm for helping our department continue to grow. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. degree in Statistics or a related field by appointment start date. The Department is interested in individuals with research interests in all areas of statistics, but the ability to handle large complex data sets is required. Particularly welcome are applications from individuals who would complement and expand upon our current strengths, which include Bayesian statistics, statistical machine learning, biostatistics, neurostatistics, astrostatistics, bioinformatics, statistical genetics, statistical education and geostatistics.

The Department of Statistics is part of the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences at UCI. One of the youngest University of California campuses, UC Irvine is ranked first in the United States and fifth in the world among universities less than 50 years old, according to The Times Higher Education survey. Compensation is competitive, and includes priority access to purchase on-campus faculty housing at below-market prices. UC Irvine is located 4 miles from the Pacific Ocean and 45 miles south of Los Angeles. The area offers a very pleasant year-round climate, numerous recreational and cultural opportunities, and one of the highest-ranked public school systems in the nation.

Completed applications containing a cover letter, curriculum vita, graduate transcripts, statements on teaching and research, and three letters of recommendation should be uploaded electronically. In addition, a separate statement that addresses past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion should be included in the application materials. Please refer to the following web site for instructions

The University of California, Irvine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer advancing inclusive excellence. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, or other protected categories covered by the UC nondiscrimination policy. A recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity, UCI is responsive to the needs of dual career couples, supports work-life balance through an array of family-friendly policies, and is dedicated to broadening participation in higher education.

More information about this recruitment: https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/apply/JPF02638

(5) Department of Statistics, Oregon State University: full professor

The Department of Statistics at Oregon State University (OSU) is pleased to invite applications for a 9-month (1.0 FTE) tenured faculty position at the rank of Full Professor, with an anticipated start date of September 16, 2015. Requirements include a Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics or related field; evidence of excellence in teaching and independent and collaborative research in Statistics and evidence of a commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity. The candidate must have scholarship activities, teaching, advising, and service experiences and distinction commensurate with the rank of Full Professor at Oregon State University. Candidates with experience working with large and complex datasets are especially encouraged to apply.

The Statistics Department has 14 faculty members and roughly 60 graduate students. We offer M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Statistics, and we are developing a M.S. program in Data Analytics that will be offered exclusively on-line starting in September 2015. Please visit our website at http://stat.oregonstate.edu to learn more about the Department, current faculty interests, etc. We are a relatively young faculty with a lot of enthusiasm for working on collaborative research problems in diverse areas, and we are committed to educating current and future generations of statisticians, data analysts and data consumers. We maintain strong collaborative research ties with the U.S. EPA Corvallis Environmental Research Lab, the Linus Pauling Institute, the Environmental Health Science Center, the Center for Genomic Research and Biocomputing, and several state and federal agencies involved with natural resource monitoring. OSU is a vibrant, energetic, creative place, and Corvallis was recently ranked 5th among college towns in the US.

To ensure full consideration, all application materials must be received by January 15, 2015. All applicants should submit a cover letter, current curriculum vitae with contact information for three references on-line at http://oregonstate.edu/jobs with posting number #0013299. In the cover letter, please describe any experiences you have with online education and discuss your vision for an online MS program in Data Analytics. Also, please describe your mentoring experiences, whether with graduate students, post docs and/or junior faculty. Please also indicate your commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity in the academic setting, in whatever way(s) you choose to interpret diversity. Inquiries about the position may be directed to Dr Alix Gitelman at 541-737-
1987 or e-mail gitelman@science.oregonstate.edu. OSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and has a practice of being responsive to the needs of dual-career couples.

(6) SAS Summer Fellowship in Econometrics

SAS is the leading supplier of statistical software for econometric modeling and policy analysis used by business and government agencies. For the summer of 2015, we are offering a Fellowship in Econometrics for PhD students in Economics and related fields.

The Econometrics Fellow will contribute to activities such as research, numerical validation and testing, documentation, creating examples of applying SAS econometric software, and assisting with software development work. The specific projects assigned may be adjusted to the skills and interest of the Fellow selected. This program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an in depth understanding of econometric and time series modeling tools, to gain software skills valuable for applied research work in business, government, or academia, or to explore analytical software development as a possible career choice.

SAS is recognized globally for workplace culture -- recently named #2 best workplace in the US. At SAS, we set the bar high for our employees and give them a culture that fosters creativity and promotes innovation.

Interested PhD candidates pursuing a degree in the area(s) referenced in the attached notices will need to:

- Apply online at [http://tinyurl.com/SASFellows](http://tinyurl.com/SASFellows) by January 23, 2015 and
- Ensure that 2 faculty members from the university/college he/she is currently attending send a letter of recommendation via PDF form to SASFellows@sas.com prior to January 23, 2015.

(7) Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine: postdoctoral position

A two-year postdoctoral position, starting immediately, is available in the Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Department of Oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The postdoctoral fellow will work closely with Dr. Ravi Varadhan, Associate Professor, Professor Gary Rosner in Oncology, and with Professor Tom Louis in the Department of Biostatistics to develop novel statistical methods for the Bayesian analysis of heterogeneous treatment effects (HTE) with the goal of individualizing treatment decisions based on data from randomized controlled trials, in particular, trials for cancer treatment.

The work will be a part of an ongoing methodology project funded by the Patient-
Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). The work will also involve translation of the methodology through the development of user-friendly software tools to provide interactive web applications using, for example, R and Shiny.

Both the Department of Oncology and the Department of Biostatistics provide highly supportive and dynamic environments for junior investigators to grow and develop their future careers.

**Qualifications:** The ideal applicant should have
1. A PhD degree or equivalent and publication record in Statistics or Biostatistics.
2. Knowledge of clinical trials and expertise in Bayesian analysis.
3. Strong programming skills in R and WinBUGS.
4. Creativity, enthusiasm, and good communication skills.

The Johns Hopkins University is an Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer. There are no citizenship restrictions for this position.

**How to Apply:** Interested applicants should send, via e-mail, (i) a cover letter, (ii) curriculum vitae, and (iii) the contact information of 3 references to Ravi Varadhan (ravi.varadhan@jhu.edu). Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

**(8) Department of Statistics, University of Michigan: Lecturer**

The mission of the Department of Statistics is to contribute to the overall objectives of the University of Michigan and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) through excellence in research and education in the Statistical Sciences and through service to the university community, statistical profession, and society at large.

**Position Title: Lecturer I Position**

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The Department of Statistics at the University of Michigan is seeking to fill a Lecturer I position. This is a one-year appointment that can be extended subject to departmental needs and satisfactory performance. We will have teaching needs for the next few years, so we expect the appointment to be continued.

The full-time initial appointment will be for the period of September 1, 2015-April 30, 2016 with the possibility for spring/summer teaching. Responsibilities include teaching 3 undergraduate courses per semester.

**Position Qualifications:** Candidates should have a PhD in Statistics or related field with some university-level teaching experience. Those with a Master’s degree and extensive teaching experience will also be considered.

**Salary Range:** The salary will be commensurate with experience.
Website: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/stats

Application Information: Candidates should submit a letter of application with a current CV, description of qualifications, teaching philosophy, evidence of teaching excellence, and three letters of recommendations. The letter should be sent to stat-posting@umich.edu.

Applications will be considered until the position is filled. Questions about this position can be directed to the Department Chair at

Contact Email: stat-posting@umich.edu

Application Deadline: 04/30/2015

Funding

(1) Interdisciplinary Research in Hazards and Disasters (Hazards SEES)


DUE DATES

Full Proposal Deadline Date: December 3, 2014

SYNOPSIS

Hazards SEES is a program involving multiple NSF Directorates and Offices (CISE, ENG, GEO, MPS, OIIA, and SBE) that seeks to: (1) advance understanding of the fundamental processes associated with specific natural hazards and technological hazards linked to natural phenomena, and their interactions; (2) better understand the causes, interdependences, impacts, and cumulative effects of these hazards on individuals, the natural and built environment, and society as a whole; and (3) improve capabilities for forecasting or predicting hazards, mitigating their effects, and enhancing the capacity to respond to and recover from resultant disasters. The overarching goal of Hazards SEES is to catalyze well-integrated interdisciplinary research efforts in hazards-related science and engineering in order to reduce the impact of hazards, enhance the safety of society, and contribute to sustainability.

Hazards SEES seeks research projects that will productively cross the boundaries of the atmospheric and geospace, earth, and ocean sciences; computer and information
science (including cyberinfrastructure); engineering; mathematics and statistics; and social, economic, and behavioral sciences. Successful proposals will integrate across multiple disciplines to promote research that advances new paradigms that contribute to creating a society resilient to hazards. Hazards SEES intends to transform hazards and disaster research by fostering the development of interdisciplinary research that allows for appropriately targeted data collection, integration, and management; modeling (including predictive models for real-time decision making); visualization and simulation; data analytics and data-driven discovery; real-time sensing; cross-cutting knowledge development; and synthesis of applicable models and theory. Proposals must demonstrate the inclusion of the appropriate expertise to address the research questions, hypotheses, and problems being posed.

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### Other opportunities

#### (1) 2015 Joint ICSA and Graybill Conference

You’re cordially invited to the **2015 Joint ICSA and Graybill Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado!**

The Joint ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium and Graybill Conference will be held from Sunday, June 14 to Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Fort Collins, Colorado. Please send any inquiry to naitee.ting@boehringer-ingelheim.com

In June, Fort Collins has daily high temperatures that range from 74°F to 85°F with evening temperatures in the low 50s. Nestled next to the foothills, it is home to Colorado State University and is only an hour away from Rocky Mountain National Park. Often called the “Napa Valley of Craft Beer,” Fort Collins is home to a number of microbreweries that together produce one of the largest city volumes of craft brewed beer in the country. Convenient access, clear water, challenging rapids and beautiful scenery make the Cache la Poudre a rafter's paradise from May through September. Please visit the conference website at [http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/](http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/)

**Call for Invited Session Proposals**

We welcome invited session proposals. The invited sessions will be processed through program committee members. If you plan to organize an invited session, please communicate with Greg Wei (for topics relating to biopharmaceutical statistics, email Greg.Wei@synteracthr.com) or Jay Breidt (for non-biopharmaceutical topics, email jbreidt@gmail.com). An invited session will be 100 minutes with 4 speakers or 3 speakers and one discussant. Panel discussions are
welcome. A proposal includes 1) session title, 2) organizer, 3) session chair, 4) list of confirmed speakers and discussant. It is required to confirm all speakers’ availability before submitting a proposal. There is a one-talk rule for speakers, but one can serve as a discussant in another invited session while speaking in an invited or contributed session. The deadline for the invited session proposal is December 1, 2014.

Call for Student Paper Award Applications
Up to eight student award recipients (five Student Travel Awards, one Jiann-Ping Hsu Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper, and possible two ASA biopharmaceutical Awards) will be selected. Each recipient will receive a plaque or certificate, an award for travel and registration reimbursement up to $1000 or a cash award of $550, whichever is bigger, as well as free registration for a short course. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2015. Please contact Shuangge Ma (email shuangge.ma@yale.edu) for details.

Call for Short Course Proposals
Anyone who is interested in giving a short course at the 2015 ICSA/Graybill Joint Conference is welcome to submit a short-course proposal to Brian Wiens (BWiens@portola.com). Suggestions on topics of interest are also welcome. Short courses are either one full day or one half day. The submission deadline is December 31, 2014.

Contributed Presentations and Posters are Welcome
For contributed presentations, please contact Peng-Liang Zhao (email Peng-Liang.Zhao@sanofi.com). For posters, please contact Jun Yan (email jyan@stat.uconn.edu).

Deadlines for each activity of the 2015 Joint Conference are given below –
December 1, 2014: Deadline for invited session proposals
December 31, 2014: Deadline for short course proposals
February 3, 2015: Symposium Registration, Hotel Reservation and Abstract Submission Open
March 15, 2015: Deadline for Student Paper Award Applications
April 1, 2015: Deadline for online registration and abstract submissions (invited)
May 1, 2015: Deadline for abstract submissions (contributed)
May 1, 2015: Deadline for Early Registration for Short Course and Symposium
May 14, 2015: Last date that Hilton hotel room can be booked at the symposium rate
Abstracts will be submitted to the symposium website, and the website will close automatically after the due day.

Peer-Reviewed Symposium Book
If you would consider submitting your presentation to a peer-reviewed symposium book, please inform Yi Liu (email Yi.Liu2@takeda.com).

Keynote Speaker for The 2015 Joint Conference will be Susan Murphy, University of Michigan
Graybill Plenary Speaker will be Richard Davis, Columbia University
A Plenary Leadership Forum will be moderated by the 2015 ICSA President – Wei Shen
Discussants include Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard), Greg Campbell (FDA), and Janet Wittes
(2) Focus Group for Directors of Graduate Studies at JSM 2015

At the 2015 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Antonio, there will be a Focus Group for Directors of Graduate Studies. Given the changing nature of Statistics, I think that such a focus group would be of great benefit to us Statisticians as well. From AMS's email announcement:

"During this gathering, graduate directors and other department leaders will have the opportunity to share ideas and concerns about key issues of common interest. As in past years, we will spend most of the time discussing issues of concern to you. We invite those who are able to attend the Focus Group to send us one issue they would most like to discuss with their fellow graduate directors. We will compile the issues and circulate them prior to the meeting to those who will be attending."

If you are interested in participating in a Focus Group for Directors of Graduate Studies in Statistics, please email me -- Lynne Seymour, seymour@uga.edu -- by 5 December 2014 and let me know what topics you would like to hear discussed. If there is sufficient interest and topics for discussion, I will organize the group meeting at the upcoming JSM in Seattle.
This group should focus on issues apart from Admissions and Recruiting -- that could easily generate its own Focus Group for Directors of Graduate Admissions! :-) 

Lynne Seymour