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(1) Center for Research on Health Care Data Center, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburg: assistant professor (or higher)

University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, Center for Research on Health Care Data Center is recruiting a full time academic position at the Assistant Professor level or higher with a doctorate in biostatistics or a related field. The application should have expertise in clinical trials, observational studies, or meta-analyses. This faculty position will also be a member of the Center for Research on Health Care (CRHC) Data Center and the Institute for Clinical Research Education (ICRE). Preference will be given to applicants who have at least two years of experience either as a post doc or faculty and have strong communication skills. The faculty will be expected to collaborate on research grants as well as teach in our degree programs in the ICRE.

The Division of General Internal Medicine (www.dom.pitt.edu/dgim) is a major research and teaching department in the School of Medicine, with 120 full-time faculty members. In addition to health services research within the Division, there is active collaboration with many faculty in other departments and centers across the Schools of the Health Sciences including the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Graduate School of Public Health, Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Rehabilitative Sciences.
Collaborations also exist with RAND, CMU, VA, and elsewhere. Areas of active research in the Division include cardiovascular risks, obesity, cancer, reproductive and women's health, aging, substance abuse, and mental health. The Division also has strong methodological expertise with the CRHC Data Center.

The CRHC Data Center (www.crhc.pitt.edu/DataCenter) The CRHC Data Center was developed to support the conduct of high-quality clinical and translational research at the University of Pittsburgh. The Data Center has sections devoted to statistical analysis, qualitative analyses, Web design, and data collection, and it supports a variety of data management mechanisms, including PC tablet-based data collection.

The Institute for Clinical Research Education (www.icre.pitt.edu) is the home for the University of Pittsburgh’s premier clinical and translational research training programs as well as the home for the Research Education and Career Development Core of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. The ICRE offers 6 degree programs and 11 career development programs. We train graduate students, medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty and offer over 50 different courses that span the translational continuum.

Applicants should send a cover letter, a current CV and a list of five references to:

Doris Rubio, PhD, Director,
CRHC Data Center
200 Meyran Ave, Suite 200,
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
or email rubiodm@upmc.edu.

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(2) School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences (SMNS), New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Arizona State University (ASU): School Director

The School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences (SMNS) in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, at Arizona State University (ASU) invites applications for School Director. This is an opportunity to take a leadership role in a rapidly growing and innovative interdisciplinary liberal arts college on the West campus of ASU. The successful applicant will be expected to provide administrative vision, leadership, and management for the School; to contribute to the School’s interdisciplinary teaching and research missions; to engage in research and teaching that complement and strengthen current offerings and emphases in SMNS; to foster interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research and teaching; to engage undergraduate students both in teaching and research; and to coordinate efforts to acquire research funding that draws upon the diverse capabilities of SMNS faculty. We are seeking exceptional senior candidates for appointment at the rank of Full Professor. The School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences offers Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees in Applied Computing,
Applied Mathematics, Life Sciences, Forensics, and Statistics. More information about the School, its faculty, and its degree programs can be found at: https://newcollege.asu.edu/mns. The complete job description and application instructions may be found at: https://newcollege.asu.edu/jobs/mns/director.

(3) Department of Statistics, Iowa State University: multiple positions

The Department of Statistics at Iowa State University invites applications for several tenured or tenure-track faculty positions:

- Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Statistics and Applied Probability;
- Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Survey Sampling;
- Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Statistical Bioinformatics; and
- Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor of Statistics.

Review of applications will begin soon. Please see http://www.stat.iastate.edu/faculty-open-position/ for more information.

(4) Department of Biostatistics, Brown University School of Public Health: two positions

(a) Assistant or Associate Professor, Teaching Scholar position

The Department of Biostatistics at Brown University School of Public Health is seeking exceptional candidates with demonstrated commitment to statistical education and research for a newly-created faculty position on the Teaching Scholar track. This appointment will be made at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor on a renewable term basis. In addition to classroom teaching and student mentoring, the new faculty member will be expected to develop and lead initiatives related to educational program building, and to maintain an active program of research in statistical and interdisciplinary research.

Candidates for Associate Professor should have a distinguished and nationally recognized record of teaching, mentoring, and program development, and a strong record of accomplishment in statistical and interdisciplinary research. Experience in multidisciplinary educational programs is preferred. Candidates for Assistant Professor should have a record of excellence in classroom teaching, demonstrated potential as educators and mentors, and a growing record of statistical and interdisciplinary research. The new faculty member will join a highly interdisciplinary Biostatistics Department with a faculty of thirteen and growing educational programs at all levels. This position represents an outstanding opportunity for individuals with a commitment to excellence, innovation, and originality in statistical education, combined with the desire to engage in cutting-edge research on statistical methods and their application in health sciences.
Interested applicants should apply online at http://apply.interfolio.com/27850. Please upload the following: letter of application, a description of current and planned research, and updated curriculum vitae. In addition, applicants should arrange for at least three letters of recommendation to be uploaded to the online application. Application questions should be addressed to Denise Arver, Administrator, Department of Biostatistics, at darver@stat.brown.edu.

Application review will start on 10 January 2015. Applications received by this date will receive full consideration. Applications received after the priority deadline may be reviewed until the position is filled or the search is closed. Brown University is an equal opportunity (EEO/AA) employer and is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty. It welcomes nominations and applications from minorities, women, and individuals with varied experiences, perspectives and backgrounds, which would enrich the university’s research, teaching and service missions.

(b) **Assistant or Associate Professor in the tenure track**

The Department of Biostatistics at Brown University’s School of Public Health is seeking to fill a faculty position at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor in the tenure track. The Department welcomes applications from outstanding scholars in the statistical sciences whose work relates to Biostatistics. We are particularly interested in applicants who will strengthen and lead our current efforts to develop research and educational initiatives in Data Science.

Candidates for Associate Professor (tenured) should have a nationally and internationally recognized record of innovative methods research in biostatistics, significant experience in interdisciplinary research, demonstrated leadership potential, record of success in obtaining research funding, and experience in student mentoring. Candidates for Assistant Professor should have excellent background and training, growing publications record and outstanding potential for innovative methods research, and experience in interdisciplinary research. All candidates must show evidence of excellent oral and written communication skills and possess strong ability and interest in teaching and mentoring of students.

The new faculty member will join a highly interdisciplinary Biostatistics Department with a faculty of thirteen and growing educational programs at all levels. Our faculty are leaders in the development of methods for causal inference, diagnostic and screening test evaluation, longitudinal and missing data analysis, research synthesis, and computational biology. The Department has substantial interdisciplinary research programs in HIV/AIDS research, evaluation of tests and biomarkers for diagnosis and prediction, analysis of complex health care data and comparative effectiveness research, genomics and genetics, behavioral medicine, neuroscience, and high dimensional data.

Qualifications
We welcome applications from outstanding scholars in the statistical sciences whose work relates to Biostatistics. We are particularly interested in applicants who will strengthen and lead our current efforts to develop research and educational initiatives in Data Science. Candidates for Associate Professor (tenured) should have a nationally and internationally recognized record of innovative methods research in biostatistics, significant experience in interdisciplinary research, demonstrated leadership potential, record of success in obtaining research funding, and experience in student mentoring. Candidates for Assistant Professor should have excellent background and training, growing publications record and outstanding potential for innovative methods research, and experience in interdisciplinary research. All candidates must show evidence of excellent oral and written communication skills and possess strong ability and interest in teaching and mentoring of students.

Application Instructions
Interested applicants should apply online at http://apply.interfolio.com/27821. Please upload the following: letter of application, a description of current and planned research, and updated curriculum vitae. Please indicate in your letter of application whether you are applying for Assistant or Associate Professor. In addition, candidates for Assistant Professor should arrange for at least three letters of recommendation to be submitted through Interfolio. Application questions should be addressed to Denise Arver, Administrator, Department of Biostatistics, at darver@stat.brown.edu.

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(5) NSF SBE Dear Colleague Letter - Division Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to seek your assistance in identifying potential candidates for the position of Division Director for Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS).

The Division Director, a key member of the SBE Directorate leadership team, provides leadership and direction for the support of research and education activities that develop and advance scientific knowledge about humans spanning areas of inquiry including brain and behavior, language and culture, social psychology, anthropology, development and learning sciences. The Division Director provides overall direction and management to a division that includes a staff of approximately 30 employees and a FY 2014 budget of approximately $93 million. The nature of the position calls for an experienced manager with highly-respected experience in the social and behavioral...
sciences. Employment for this position will either be on a permanent basis as a member of the Career Senior Executive Service, on a temporary basis in the Federal service, or under Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) provisions.

I look forward to any help you may be able to offer in this search for candidates for this key NSF position, including applying for the position yourself. We are especially interested in identifying women, members of minority groups, and persons with disabilities for consideration, but we will consider any highly qualified candidates. Areas of importance for the SBE Directorate include interdisciplinary research and the development of infrastructure to support new approaches for gathering and analyzing social, behavioral, and economic data. Within the BCS division, support of cognitive science and neuroscience, including their connection to the science of learning, is particularly relevant. Information about the BCS Division's mission and programs is provided on its Home Page http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?org=BCS.

The announcement may be accessed at USAJobs: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/384991500. NSF's Division of Human Resource Management (HRM) is assisting me in this outreach. Lindsey Boswell, (leboswel@nsf.gov; 703-292-4350) is the point of contact in the HRM Division. The application deadline is December 31, 2014.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this most important endeavor.

Sincerely,
Fay Lomax Cook
Assistant Director, National Science Foundation
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate

(6) NSF SBE Dear Colleague Letter: Deputy Assistant Director SBE

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to seek your assistance in identifying potential candidates for the position of Deputy Assistant Director for the Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences. This is a permanent Senior Executive Service (SES) position.

The SBE Deputy Assistant Director serves as a member of the SBE leadership team and as the primary assistant to the Assistant Director in providing leadership and direction to the SBE Directorate, which includes four major components. The Division of Social and Economic Sciences, the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences and the SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities support a broad range of research and education activities that are rooted within the disciplinary social and behavioral sciences. The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics is the nation's principal producer of statistics on the education, employment, funding, and activities of scientists and engineers in all sectors of the U.S. economy as well as internationally. These organizations provide the basic structure for SBE activities. They support both
disciplinary and interdisciplinary activities and partner effectively with each other, with
the other directorates within NSF, with other agencies, and internationally. The Deputy
Assistant Director participates with the Assistant Director in the coordination and overall
management of Directorate activities with the directorate’s senior managers and a staff
of approximately 130.

I look forward to any help you may be able to offer in this search for candidates for this
key NSF position. I am especially interested in identifying women, members of minority
groups, and persons with disabilities for consideration. The SBE Directorate is
embarking on initiatives in interdisciplinary research and instruction, and in new
approaches to social, behavioral, and economic collaborative research activities. Social,
behavioral and economic scientists with strengths in these areas and with proven
leadership and operations management experience will be especially well suited to this
position. Information about the SBE Directorate mission and programs is provided on its

The announcement may be accessed at USAJobs:
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/386935200 NSF’s Division of Human
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(7) Los Alamos National Laboratory: Opportunity for PhD Statisticians

The Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory has an open position
for PhD statisticians to be filled at the Scientist 2 or Scientist 3 level, spanning junior to
midcareer opportunities depending on the skills of the selected candidate. See below for
the job description and eligibility requirements as well as information about Los Alamos
and the Statistical Sciences Group.

For more information and to apply, go to www.lanl.gov/careers/career-options/jobs, click
on All Jobs, and search for Vacancy Name IRC36637. We encourage applications by
January 6, 2015.

Ph.D. Statistician (Scientist 2/3)
Statistical Sciences Group
Los Alamos National Laboratory
www.lanl.gov
About the Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Located in northern New Mexico, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is a multidisciplinary research institution engaged in strategic science on behalf of national security. LANL enhances national security by ensuring the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear stockpile, developing technologies to reduce threats from weapons of mass destruction, and solving problems related to energy, environment, infrastructure, health, and global concerns.

The Statistical Sciences Group was formed in 1967 to provide the Laboratory with a center of expertise in Statistics. The group consists of 21 statistical scientists plus supporting personnel, visiting faculty, students, and postdoctoral research associates. The group currently has expertise in a range of methodologies including Bayesian methods, uncertainty quantification of computer models, design and analysis of experiments, Monte Carlo and computer-intensive methods, reliability, sample planning, spatial modeling, statistical computation, statistical graphics and visualization, and analysis of measurement systems.

Statisticians work in partnership with world-class scientists to develop and apply basic science and technology in areas such as computational science, materials science, physics, energy, geology, climate, astronomy, biology, and chemistry. In addition to questions of national security and nuclear safety and reliability, applications come from other government agencies and industrial partners. Supercomputing and simulation play a large and growing role in many of these disciplines and applications. The group’s work involves development and application of statistical methodology to the scientific questions in these fields, often with a strong focus on computation. The group encourages members to publish and present their work to the wider statistical community.

The Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory seeks excellent candidates for challenging careers in Statistics. Successful candidates have experience developing statistical methodology motivated by multidisciplinary collaborations and proven statistical research ability as evidenced by journal publications, technical reports, and/or conference presentations. Verbal and written communication skills for collaboration with scientists in other disciplines are critical.

Los Alamos sits at 7300 feet on the colorful mesas that extend from the slopes of the Jemez Mountains. The town of about 18,000 people overlooks the Rio Grande Valley with further views of the Sangre de Cristo range, which forms the southern end of the Rocky Mountains. Los Alamos is a scenic 40-minute drive from the historic and cultural center of Santa Fe. The Los Alamos area boasts unparalleled access to outdoor activities such as skiing, fishing, mountain biking, and hiking.

Job Description

Statistician (Scientist 2/3)
This position will be filled at either the Scientist 2 or 3 Level, which spans junior to midcareer opportunities, depending on the skills of the selected candidate. Additional job responsibilities (outlined below) will be assigned if the candidate is hired at the higher level.

Scientist 2 ($79,600-$133,100)
Duties for a Scientist 2 level position include:
- Applying a variety of statistical methods in multiple application areas in a collaborative scientific environment
- Formulating statistical problems to address the needs of a scientific investigation
- Developing approaches for nonstandard statistical problems
- Carrying out advanced statistical analyses
- Statistical computation required for data planning and analysis, as well as methodological development
- Publication of results of research and applied work

Scientist 3 ($86,400-148,200)
In addition to all the duties of Scientist 2:
- Work with limited direction to provide statistical solutions to complex problems
- Lead statistical research initiatives and collaborations
- Contribute to research proposals and new collaborations to develop future funding streams: this will require interacting with people in other teams, groups, division, directorates, and programs to create collaborations
- Provide direction and mentor junior scientists and students

Minimum Job Requirements:
- Ph.D. in Statistics
- Applicant must possess knowledge of multiple areas of statistical sciences
- Demonstrated willingness and ability to work in a collaborative, multidisciplinary scientific environment and contribute to diverse application areas
- Ability to carry out statistical research and advanced statistical analyses
- Ability to communicate technical results to both statistical and non-statistical audiences
- Experience in developing and implementing statistical models
- Strong statistical computing skills including experience using software for statistical programming and advanced statistical analysis (e.g. R, Matlab), and familiarity with a scientific computing language (e.g. C/C++, Fortran, Python, Java)

Additional Job Requirements for Scientist 3:
In addition to the Job Requirements outlined above, qualification at the Scientist 3 level requires:
- Leadership of advanced development and application of statistical methods
- Proven statistical research record as evidenced by journal publications and technical reports
- Demonstrated record of presenting research results in scientific settings
- Experience in developing and applying advanced statistical methods
- Experience working on interdisciplinary scientific problems

Desired Skills:
- Experience with statistical applications in the physical and engineering sciences is a plus.

Clearance: Q (Position will be cleared to this level). Applicants selected will be subject to a Federal background investigation and must meet eligibility requirements* for access to classified information.

* Eligibility requirements: To obtain a clearance, an individual must be at least 18 years of age; U.S. citizenship is required except in very limited circumstances. See DOE Order 472.2 for additional information.

To apply for this position, an electronic application must be submitted, including a cover letter addressing each of the minimum job requirements and a CV or resume. Go to www.lanl.gov/careers/career-options/jobs, click on All Jobs, and search for Vacancy Name IRC36637. Response prior to January 6, 2015 is strongly encouraged. Los Alamos National Laboratory is an equal opportunity employer and supports a diverse and inclusive workforce. The Laboratory offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Questions regarding this application process may be sent to statsearch@lanl.gov.

(8) (Attention: Students) Seven fully funded PhD studentships linked with the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM), United Kingdom

Further information is at: http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/news/show.php?article=5411

The ESRC National Centre for Research Methods, based at the Universities of Southampton, Manchester and Edinburgh, UK, is pleased to announce seven new 1+3 PhD studentships. The studentships will provide up to four years funding (1 year Masters + 3 years PhD) including fees, Standard Maintenance Grant and Research Training Support Grant. In addition, some students may be eligible for the advanced quantitative methods supplement.

Applications are invited in the following topic areas and locations to be supervised by NCRM co-directors.

1. Combining survey and administrative data to improve survey methodology (located at Southampton)

This studentship (Social Statistics pathway) will focus on linking survey data with administrative and survey process data (paradata). Analysis techniques may be developed and applied in the substantive context of improving non-sampling error (nonresponse and measurement errors) in surveys or for using linked household energy data. The project will use a range of multivariate analysis techniques, including
multilevel modelling, longitudinal or Bayesian data analysis techniques.

To apply, please contact NCRM Centre Manager Shavi Parhar for an application form. Closing date for applications: 3 February 2015. For informal enquiries contact Dr. Gabriele Durrant.

2. Combining biographical research with social network analysis in a case study of Ann Oakley (located at Edinburgh)

This studentship will investigate the potential and the pitfalls, of bringing biographical research and social network analysis together through focussing on one person’s academic life and networks as a case study. That person is Ann Oakley, whose academic career began in the 1960’s and is on-going. These apparently discrete methods have much in common when biographical research is undertaken in a way that emphasises the connectedness of the people being studied with significant others in their lives, and social network analysis grapples with the challenge of investigating how the networks of key individuals within them evolve over time.

For informal enquiries contact Professor Lynn Jamieson or Professor Graham Crow. Application details to follow.

3. Informative nonresponse (located at Manchester)

WP3 aims to develop methodological techniques for accounting for informative item nonresponse in the analysis of collected biological data in longitudinal surveys. Informative nonresponse means that the probability of response to the collection of biological data and to the linkage of external databases may be dependent on unobserved values. This PhD will support the objectives of the work package by developing advanced methods for the analysis of hierarchical linked datasets with informative nonresponse. The PhD will include cutting edge statistical methods and methodological innovation to be considered for the Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) stipend of the Northwest Doctoral Training Centre.

For informal enquiries contact Professor Tarani Chandola or Professor Natalie Shlomo.

4. Evaluating disclosure risk in linked data (located at Manchester)

WP4 aims to develop new analytical methods for evaluating disclosure risk in linked data, particularly the disclosure risk related to spatial associations, and the development of quality measures to provide to users about the impact of disclosure control methods on substantive estimates. For this studentship we are looking for applications from potential students working in one of five new methodological areas: (i) assessing disclosure risks with linked data, (ii) understanding disclosure risks in synthetic data, (iii) new models of privacy for the big data world (iv) privacy and stream data and (v) mapping the data environment. The PhD may include cutting edge statistical methods and methodological innovation to be considered for the Advanced Quantitative Methods
AQM stipend of the Northwest Doctoral Training Centre. To apply visit University of Manchester postgraduate studies pages.

For informal enquiries contact Dr. Mark Elliot or Professor Natalie Shlomo.

5. Virtual learning of research methods (located at Southampton)

This studentship follows the accredited pathway, Mixed Methods in Educational Research, to explore the teaching and learning of research methods in the digital landscape. In the context of growing interest in the potential of virtual learning environments, e-learning, web-based/asynchronous, computer-mediated and blended learning for enhancing advanced methodological competence, the successful applicant will generate insights into the interaction between technological and pedagogical advances as an important contribution to WP5.

To apply, please contact NCRM Centre Manager Shavi Parhar for an application form. Closing date for applications: 3 February 2015. For informal enquiries contact Professor Melanie Nind.

6. Contested issues of depth and breadth in research methods training (located at Edinburgh)

The purpose of this studentship to collect and analyse evidence that can support a more informed evaluation of current debates concerning appropriate depth and breadth of training in research methods of social science. It is anticipated that this will include the experience and views of current PhD students and supervisors and a comparative element, looking back to training regimes in previous periods and/or arrangements in other countries.

For informal enquiries contact Professor John MacInnes or Professor Graham Crow. Application details to follow.

7. Disclosure risk and linked population data (located at Southampton)

Geographical aggregation and record-swapping are established approaches to disclosure control in censuses and surveys and automated zone design has been used to produce standard aggregations for the last two censuses in England. This studentship will follow the Human Geography accredited pathway to explore the further development of zone design methods as a means of producing bespoke geographical aggregations to protect increasingly complex multi-source research data.

To apply, please contact NCRM Centre Manager Shavi Parhar for an application form. Closing date for applications: 3 February 2015. For informal enquiries contact Professor Dave Martin.
(9) Department of Biostatistics, Southern Medical University (China): Open rank position

The Department of Biostatistics at Southern Medical University (SMU) is pleased to invite applications for the faculty position at the rank of Full Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2015. Requirements include a Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics or related field. The candidate selected for this position will be expected to pursue an active line of research and teaching in statistical theory and application. Evidence of excellence in independent and collaborative research in Statistics or in promoting and enhancing diversity is highly desired.

As the first Department of Biostatistics in China, Department of Biostatistics of SMU has 13 faculty members. We offer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biostatistics, and we also developed a M.S. program in Biostatistics with George Town University in 2014. 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 Medical Associations, the Pharmaceutical Companies, the Environmental Health Science Center, and the Center for Genomic Research. For more detailed information about our Department, current faculty interests and study program, please visit our website at http://echobelt.org.

To ensure full consideration, resumes together with auxiliary stuffs including education certification, publications, funding and awards must be received by February 28, 2015. Inquiries about the position may be directed to Miss Deng at +86(020)61648319 or e-mail deng1120@139.com. SMU is creative place, and our department is vibrant and energetic. We are looking forward to your joining.

(10) Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Washburn University: assistant professor

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Washburn University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning August 1, 2015. The successful candidate will be expected to work directly with the Actuarial Science program, which is ranked as an advanced undergraduate program by the Society of Actuaries.

More information about the opening can be found at:

http://www.washburn.edu/faculty-staff/human-resources/faculty-vacancies/actuarial-science-assistant-professor.html

http://www.stat.ufl.edu/jobs/job.php?id=3099
Department of Biostatistics / Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research, Harvard School of Public Health: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (100% FTE; 2-year appointment)

Background: The Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research (CBAR), in the Department of Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health have an immediate opening for a Post-doc to work on statistical methods and applications for studies being conducted by the Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group (ARLG). Investigators within CBAR have provided statistical leadership and support for clinical research networks for more than thirty years including infectious disease networks such as: the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Groups (ACTG), the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group (IMPAACT), the Neurologic AIDS Research Consortium (NARC), and the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Cohort Study (PHACS).

The Statistical and Data Management Center (SDMC) for the ARLG Network, consists of the Statistical and Data Analysis Center (SDAC) in the Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research (CBAR) and Frontier Science & Technology Research Foundation in Boston, MA, as well as a Data Management Center (DMC) located at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) in Durham NC.

The SDAC is responsible for the statistical and central data management infrastructure activities of the ARLG. The primary areas of responsibility are supporting the ARLG research agenda with an infrastructure for statistics to facilitate the efficient and optimal design, conduct, interim data monitoring, analyses, and reporting of high quality clinical research studies. This is accomplished by providing an infrastructure and team of highly-experienced statisticians who are knowledgeable in aspects of infectious disease / antibacterial resistance (ID/AR), experienced with clinical research networks, and committed to collaborating with ARLG investigators in developing and managing the ARLG agenda.

Project Description: "Statistical Challenges in Clinical Trials and Diagnostic Studies of Antibiotic Resistance" The Post-doc will work with Dr. Scott Evans, Director of the Statistical and Data Management Center of the ARLG on statistical strategies for the design, data monitoring, analyses, and reporting of clinical trials and diagnostics studies of antibiotic resistance. Specific statistical issues may involve biomarker trial designs, master protocol development, diagnostic evaluation, longitudinal data issues, rank-based methods, and graphical displays, competing risk, multiplicity issues, composite endpoints, dynamic treatment regimes, and benefit: risk evaluation.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a doctoral degree in biostatistics or statistics with interest in clinical trials and diagnostic studies. A successful candidate will possess: (1) a sound understanding of the basic principles of the design, monitoring, and analyses of clinical trials and diagnostic studies, (2) excellent methodological and applied research skills, (3) interest in problems motivated by research in antibiotic resistance, (4) strong SAS programming and simulation abilities, (5) creativity, and (6)
effective communication skills with an ability to work with a multi-disciplinary research team of scientists and clinicians.

Contact Information: For scientific inquiries, please contact Dr. Scott Evans (evans@sdac.harvard.edu). To submit application materials, please contact Jessica Clark (jclark@sdac.harvard.edu) with CV and cover letter.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

(12) Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, UC San Diego: assistant or associate professor

Dear Colleague,

The UC San Diego's Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics within the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine is seeking a well-qualified individual to join our Division at the Assistant or Associate Adjunct Professor rank.

The Division currently has 11 faculty members, with strengths in methodological Biostatistics research and focus areas of Public Health, HIV/AIDS, neurosciences, cancer, psychiatry, and imaging. A new graduate program leading to a PhD in Biostatistics is anticipated to start in Fall 2015.

The Division is well-funded, and sits within the research-intensive UC San Diego School of Medicine, which ranks first in the nation in terms of federal research dollars per faculty member. There are multiple opportunities for collaboration, including within the recently funded UC San Diego Clinical and Translational Research Institute, the Moores UC San Diego Cancer Center, the Stein Institute on Aging, and within the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and other Departments.

We are searching for a high-energy candidate at the Assistant of Associate Professor level. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent program of methodological research, as well as actively collaborate with and provide statistical expertise to other Public Health and Biomedical investigators. All research areas of biostatistics and applied statistics are welcome. The successful candidate(s) will be expected to teach in the upcoming graduate program in Biostatistics, in the undergraduate major in Public Health, or in similar department teaching initiatives.

The Search Committee and I would be grateful if you would be able to identify outstanding candidates, and make them aware of our position. I would be happy to speak with you if that would be helpful. A link to the formal announcement, including qualification requirements and application procedures, can be found here:

https://apol-recruit.ucsd.edu/apply/JPF00700
Consideration of applications will begin January 5, 2015.

We very much appreciate your assistance, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Karen Messer
Professor and Chief,
Division of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
UCSD School of Medicine

Department of Statistics, North Carolina State University: two tenure-track positions

The Department of Statistics at North Carolina State University seeks to hire two tenure-track professors to begin in August 2015.

The first position is at the assistant professor level, the second is either at the assistant or associate professor level. Applicants may have interest in theoretical or methodological research in any area of statistics, but high priority will be given to individuals with strong computational skills, interest in high-dimensional data analysis, and ability and desire to supervise graduate student research. Excellence in teaching is also a key expectation. To apply, please visit http://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/39816 for the assistant professor position and http://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/39456 for the assistant/associate professor position.

The Department provides a dynamic environment for teaching, research and collaborations across disciplines. Inclusiveness and diversity are academic imperatives and thus are university goals. We are particularly interested in candidates who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for students from underrepresented groups.

The Department's location in the Research Triangle provides rich opportunities for interactions with industry; other universities, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and government agencies. Faculty enjoy collaborations with medical researchers at Duke, environmental scientists at the EPA research facility, pharmaceutical researchers at Glaxo-SmithKline, and software developers at SAS Institute, among many others. The Department is also a founding cooperator of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS) and the NSF-funded Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI), both located nearby in Research Triangle Park.

All applicants must have a Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics or relevant field by the time of employment.
Processing of applications will begin December 1, 2014, and continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position may be directed to the Search Committee Chair, Brian Reich (stat_search@stat.ncsu.edu).

NCSU is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Women and members of other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. In addition, NC State University welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation or genetic information. We welcome the opportunity to work with candidates to identify suitable employment opportunities for spouses or partners.

(14) Department of Mathematics and Statistics, California State University, Chico: assistant or associate professor

The College of Natural Sciences invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at the Assistant or Associate Professor level to start August, 2015. The position requires a Ph.D. in statistics or a related field. Other qualifications include evidence of a commitment to quality teaching, a strong interest in working with undergraduate students and providing statistical consultation to others. Candidates must demonstrate potential for success in conducting scholarly research and have an interest in pursuing external funding. Preference will be given to applicants that have experience in teaching and consulting in statistics. The full position announcement is available at http://www.csuchico.edu/math.

(15) Statistical Consulting Center, Wright State University: full-time consultant

Dear colleagues,

The Statistical Consulting Center at Wright State University is seeking to fill a full-time consultant position. Essential requirements: masters degree in statistics or related field and at least two years’ experience. You may go to: https://jobs.wright.edu/ to see the details of the position. Please apply if interested, or share with others who might be interested. Thank you! ---Harry Khamis

Harry Khamis
Director and Professor
Statistical Consulting Center
Wright State University
Dayton, OH 45435

(16) MIT Sloan School of Management: faculty position in operations research and statistics

The MIT Sloan School of Management invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the area of Operations Research and Statistics beginning July, 2014 or as soon thereafter as possible. Strong applicants will demonstrate the potential for
research and for teaching excellence in the area of Operations Research, Statistics, Analytics or Data Sciences; duties will include teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses in the areas listed above. We are especially interested in candidates who can build a strong methodological research base, contribute to application areas of high impact, and be a successful teacher for the undergraduate, MBA, and PhD programs.

Applicants should possess or be close to completion of a PhD in relevant fields by start of employment. Applications must include an up-to-date curriculum vitae; three letters of recommendation; a personal statement describing research and teaching experience, if any, and aspirations in research and education; papers, if available. Please submit your application by December 1, 2013 at http://sloanfacultysearches.mit.edu/or-stat.

MIT is an equal opportunity employer committed to building a culturally diverse intellectual community and strongly encourages applications from women and minorities.

(17) Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University Kingsville:
Assistant/Associate Professor of Statistics

Details of the position are at https://javjobs.tamuk.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1417729517693

(18) Division of Biostatistics, Ohio State University College of Public Health:
Chair

The Ohio State University College of Public Health is seeking an innovative leader and scholar to chair its Division of Biostatistics. The Division consists of 8 full time faculty members who are engaged in funded methodological and interdisciplinary research as well as teaching graduate and undergraduate students. Faculty collaborate with researchers from across the largest campus in the country, including the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Dentistry, James Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Mathematical Biosciences Institute and the Institute for Population Research. Significant research interaction exists between the Division faculty and researchers from the Department of Biomedical Informatics and the Center for Biostatistics at Ohio State, and from Nationwide Children’s Hospital located in downtown Columbus. The faculty co-administers and participates in an Interdisciplinary PhD program in Biostatistics with the Department of Statistics. The Division administers the MS and MPH programs that specialize in Biostatistics and participates in the teaching of basic Biostatistics courses to various graduate programs offered by the College and the new, rapidly growing BS program in public health. Further information about the Division and faculty may be found at: http://cph.osu.edu/bio/.

The successful chair candidate will provide senior leadership and vision in the development and application of biostatistics within the College of Public Health and other colleges at Ohio State, communities in Ohio, and globally. This position requires
academic credentials consistent with appointment at a senior level in the Division of Biostatistics with tenure in the College of Public Health. The candidate is expected to provide active leadership for the division’s diverse and expanding research program, recruit and mentor faculty, participate in the direction of college and interdisciplinary Biostatistics training programs, collaborate in research initiatives with other investigators both within and outside of the College of Public Health, and manage the division’s resources. Candidates should have a demonstrated record of administrative experience and have a strong and distinguished record of scholarly research, teaching and mentoring.

The College of Public Health is Ohio’s first accredited college of public health. It is one of seven health sciences colleges on the same campus, more than any other university in the U.S. The college includes five academic divisions, four centers of outreach and engagement, four graduate degree programs with several specializations, and an undergraduate major and minor. The college is ranked 20th of all schools of public health nationally by US News & World Report, and its health administration program is ranked 14th. First established in 1995 as part of the College of Medicine, the University Board of Trustees created the College of Public Health in 2007. Specializations within the college include biostatistics, environmental health sciences, epidemiology, health behavior and health promotion, health services management and policy, veterinary public health, biomedical informatics, and clinical and translational science.

The recently announced Discovery Themes initiative at Ohio State is anticipated to result in the recruitment of 500 tenure-track faculty to the University over the next 10 years. Opportunities exist for collaboration and joint hires in association with the Data Analytics Collaborative, and for participation in the new Data Analytics undergraduate major, which are part of the Discovery Themes initiative. New priorities related to the Discovery Themes initiatives will include the application of Data Analytics in public health, and research related to the discovery themes areas of Food Production and Security, Energy and the Environment, and Health and Wellness. More information about the Discovery Themes may be found at discovery.osu.edu.

The Ohio State University is ranked by US News & World Report as the state’s best public university and 16th nationally. Ohio State has increased its total research expenditures by 25 percent over the last five years. The university is ranked 14th of 912 universities in research expenditures and 9th for public universities by the National Science Foundation. Ohio State offers 175 majors and 12,000 courses to 64,000 students, including 50,000 undergraduates. Unique institutional strengths include the resources of 14 colleges, and a nationally ranked academic medical center.

Applications will be accepted immediately and will be considered until the search has concluded. Applicants are asked to prepare a single pdf file that contains a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, and a statement identifying the five publications which are most indicative of the candidate’s current and future research program. Finalist candidates will be asked to supply letters of recommendation. Send the pdf file by email to BioStatsChairSearch@cph.osu.edu.
The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.

(19) Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg: Assistant Professor of Statistics

The Division has a full-time, permanent (renewable contract) non-tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor open for the fall term 2015. The official ad may be viewed at:

http://jobs.amstat.org/jobs/6631551/assistant-professor-of-statistics

(20) Department of Mathematics and Statistics, St. Ambrose University: tenure-track position

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics at St. Ambrose University invites applications for an entry-level tenure-track assistant professor position to begin in August 2015. Qualified applicants should possess a Ph.D. in Mathematics or Statistics and an exceptional commitment to teaching and student learning. ABD's will be considered. Candidates must have a desire to teach General Education quantitative courses as well as mathematics courses for STEM majors. Teaching evening courses may occasionally be required. Additional responsibilities include advising undergraduate students; continued professional development; scholarly engagement; service to the university; and service to the department, including curriculum development and student learning assessment.

St. Ambrose University is an independent, comprehensive institution of approximately 3500 students whose Core Values include Catholicity, Integrity, the Liberal Arts, Life-Long Learning, and Diversity. See www.sau.edu for further information. Requirements: Ph.D. in mathematics or Statistics (ABDs will be considered)

Application: Review of applications will begin February 2, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. Please apply online by uploading a cover letter, curriculum vitae, unofficial graduate transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy, and contact information for three professional references to http://www.sau.edu/human_resources/jobs. Three letters of reference should be sent directly to HumanResources@sau.edu. EOE
(1) Bureau of Labor Statistics Senior Research Fellows

Are you interested in expanding your research to new and interesting domains? Are you doing research that could benefit the Bureau of Labor Statistics? If so, consider applying for our Senior Research Fellow Program!

The program's main objective is to facilitate collaboration between academic scholars and government researchers in fields such as statistics, mathematics, economics, survey methodology, behavioral science, and other related fields. Research Fellows have unique opportunities to expand their work to address some of the difficult methodological problems and analytic challenges BLS faces. Fellows are funded to conduct research at the BLS headquarters in Washington, DC, use BLS data and facilities, and work closely with BLS staff.

There is more information available on our website at http://www.bls.gov/osmr/asa_nsf_bls_fellowship_info.htm or in our brochure at http://www.amstat.org/careers/pdfs/ASANSFBLSFellowshipProgram.pdf. Proposals are due February 16, 2015.

Fellowship applicants should have a recognized research record and considerable expertise in their area of proposed research. Applicants must submit a detailed research proposal, which will be evaluated on the applicability of the research to BLS programs, the value of the proposed research to science, and the quality of the applicant's research record.

Applicants do not need to be U.S. Citizens, but they must be employed by a U.S. institution of higher learning or a non-profit institution (IRS code 501(c)(3) entity) and are expected to retain their position for the duration of the fellowship. U.S. Government employees are not eligible.

We encourage interested researchers to contact us before submitting a proposal, so we can provide assistance in tailoring the proposed topic to best utilize your skills and interests in addressing BLS issues.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) coordinates our Senior Research Fellow Program in cooperation with the American Statistical Association (http://www.amstat.org/) (ASA), under a grant from the National Science Foundation (http://www.nsf.gov/) (NSF).

Please contact Jeffrey Gonzalez (Gonzalez.Jeffrey@bls.gov) if you have any questions.

(2) NIH BD2K Program Announcements

The NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) program is pleased to announce two new Funding Opportunities have been released for FY15 funding. Please share with interested colleagues.
Dr. Valerie Florance (NLM) is the program contact for these FOAs. The email address for queries is bd2k_training@mail.nih.gov

- NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Initiative Research Education: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Data Management for Biomedical Big Data (R25)  
  RFA-LM-15-001  This FOA will support the creation of a massive open online course (MOOC) that can be used by librarians, faculty, students and others to learn concepts, approaches and best practices in the area of data management, and also used in conjunction with local training activities about the management of biomedical Big Data. One award is expected. Application receipt date is March 17, 2015.

- NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Initiative Research Education: Open Educational Resources for Sharing, Annotating and Curating Biomedical Big Data (R25)  
  RFA-LM-15-002  This FOA will support development of open educational resources that cover concepts, approaches, relevant use cases and requirements for sharing, annotating and curating biomedical Big Data research resources, for use by librarians and other instructors to train researchers and graduate students for active roles in the connected biomedical enterprise. Four to six awards are expected. Application receipt date is March 17, 2015.

[For statistician awardees/involvement in FY14 BD2K awards, see http://community.amstat.org/blogs/steve-pierson/2014/10/16/statisticians-among-awardees-of-recent-prominent-solicitations].

Other opportunities

(1) Nominations for the 2015 USCOTS Lifetime Achievement Award in statistics education

The Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education (CAUSE) is now accepting nominations for the 2015 USCOTS Lifetime Achievement Award in statistics education. This biennial award is presented at the U.S. Conference On Teaching Statistics to an individual who, over an extended period of time, has made lasting contributions with a broad impact to the field of statistics education especially, but not limited to, the teaching and learning of college-level statistics. See https://www.causeweb.org/uscots/awards/ for details.

Nominations are due by February 1, 2015.
Interview with NIH Associate Director for Data Science Phil Bourne

From ASA Science Policy Director Steve Pierson:


Since it mentions BD2K, I want to draw your attention to this blog entry that lists the recent BD2K (and other) awards to statisticians or to teams with statisticians: [http://community.amstat.org/blogs/steve-pierson/2014/10/16/statisticians-among-awardees-of-recent-prominent-solicitations](http://community.amstat.org/blogs/steve-pierson/2014/10/16/statisticians-among-awardees-of-recent-prominent-solicitations).

Noether Award nominations – deadline extended

**Deadline for the 2015 Noether Senior and Young Scholar Award Nominations Extended to December 31, 2014.**

Please consider nominating a colleague for the 2015 Noether Senior Scholar or Young Scholar Award.

The Noether Senior Scholar Award is given each year to a distinguished senior researcher/teacher in nonparametric statistics. In addition to the award, the recipient delivers an invited lecture.

The Noether Young Scholar Award is given each year to an accomplished young researcher. This award is made to foster, encourage, and support both research and teaching in nonparametric statistics. The Noether Young Scholar will deliver an invited lecture the year after the award and be asked to report on research performed since receiving the award.

Visit [www.amstat.org/careers/gottfriednoetherawards.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/careers/gottfriednoetherawards.cfm) for more information. If you have questions, contact the committee chair, Dennis Boos, at boos@ncsu.edu or (919) 515-1918.

Nominations should be sent by December 31 to Pam Craven in the ASA office at pamela@amstat.org or 732 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314, ATTN: Award Nominations.

W.J. Dixon Award for Excellence in Statistical Consulting

Dear Colleagues,
Please submit nominations for the W.J. Dixon Award for Excellence in Statistical Consulting. Nominations are due by February 1, 2015. Nominations forms and information here: http://www.amstat.org/awards/wjdixonaward.cfm

Chris Barker, Ph.D.
Chair - W.J. Dixon Award committee

(5) Call for editor – JABES

The International Biometric Society and the American Statistical Association have invited nominations for the position of editor of the Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics (JABES).

JABES publishes articles of immediate and practical value to applied researchers and statistical consultants in the agricultural sciences, the biological sciences (including biotechnology), and the environmental sciences (including those dealing with natural resources).

JABES is published quarterly by Springer in March, June, September, and December. The editor reviews new submissions and sends selected papers to associate editors, who also review the papers and either send a response to the editor or the paper to referees for in-depth reviews.

Springer’s editorial tracking system is used for online submissions and the peer review process. Funds are provided for editorial staff support and office supplies. The editor also works with Springer’s production editor to create each issue and to ensure timely production and publication.

JABES receives approximately 160 submissions a year.

Additional duties of the editor include writing a quarterly report for the IBS Biometric Bulletin, overseeing the selection of best papers in JABES, organizing the JABES Showcase session at the IBC and JSM and reporting to the IBS Executive Board on impact factors and other issues that are of importance.

The next editor will serve a three-year term, from 2016 through 2018, with the transition beginning in 2015.

Nominations should be sent to JABES@biometricsociety.org no later than December 10, 2014. Once received, nominations will be presented to the Chair of the JABES Editor Search Committee for further consideration. Interested individuals are encouraged to nominate themselves.

(6) Reminder re: NAS Report “Training Students to Extract Value from Big Data”
As many statistics training programs wrestle with how to incorporate Big Data into statistics (and other!) curricula, there is a new report with some interesting discussion. The Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics (CATS) of the National Academy of Science recently released a report of a workshop on "Training Students to Extract Value from Big Data", that summarizes some aspects of training students in Big Data. The report is a brief (50 page) summary including discussion of whom to train, how to teach, what to teach, and parallels in other disciplines.

The report can be found at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18981/training-students-to-extract-value-from-big-data-summary-of

(7) Mortimer Spiegelman Award

The Applied Public Health Statistics Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) (https://www.apha.org/apha-communities/member-sections/applied-public-health-statistics) invites nominations for the 2015 Mortimer Spiegelman Award, which honors a statistician below the age of 40 in the calendar year of the award who has made outstanding contributions to health statistics, especially public health statistics. The award was established in 1970 and is presented annually at the APHA meeting.

The award serves the following three purposes:

- To honor the outstanding achievements of both the recipient and Spiegelman
- To encourage further involvement in public health by the finest young statisticians
- To increase awareness of APHA and the Applied Public Health Statistics Section in the academic statistical community

To be eligible, a candidate must have been born in 1976 or later. Please email a nominating letter that states the candidate's date of birth and how their contributions relate to public health concerns, up to three letters of support, and the candidate's CV to the award committee chair, Amy Herring, at aherring@bios.unc.edu, by April 1, 2015. Any questions can be directed to the same e-mail address.