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## Highlights

### ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium 2026 (June 14 – 17, 2026)

[The 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium](#) will be held in Arlington, Virginia, from June 14 to June 17, 2026. This marks the 35th anniversary of the symposium, with the theme "Integrating Statistics and AI for Responsible Innovation and Trustworthy Decision-Making." The event will bring together statisticians from academia, government, and industry for a full program of sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Keynote speakers include Emmanuel Candès (Stanford), John Scott (FDA), and James Zou (Stanford). Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard) will deliver a special banquet address. Dr. Lily Wang ([lwang41@gmu.edu](mailto:lwang41@gmu.edu)) and Dr. Wanli Qiao ([wqiao@gmu.edu](mailto:wqiao@gmu.edu)) serve as symposium co-chairs.

Student paper award submissions are due by April 15, 2026. For more information about the awards, please visit: <https://symposium2026.icsa.org/awards-grants/>

**Registration is now open. Early bird registration ends April 15, 2026.** For registration details, visit [Registration – 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium](#)

Highlights of the symposium include:

- **In-person Mentor–Mentee Roundtable Lunch on June 15** – An opportunity for mentors and mentees to connect and share experiences. [ICSA Mentor–Mentee Roundtable Lunch – 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium](#)
- **Industry-Leadership Summit: 90-minute Panel Discussion on June 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**– Engage with industry leaders and gain insights into leadership in statistics and data science. <https://symposium2026.icsa.org/leadership-summit/>
- The ICSA General Members Meeting will be on June 15 from 5:00 to 5:30 PM. In the meeting, the ICSA president Dr. Rong will announce the ICSA Awards recipients, ICSA achievements, and new initiatives, followed by the newly initiated Industry Leadership Summit.
- The ICSA tradition, the Banquet, will be in the evening on Tuesday, June 16.



## ICSA Taiwan Chapter Conference 2026 (June 24 - 25, 2026)

The International Conference for Statistics and Data Science organized by ICSA Taiwan Chapter will be held at the Department of Statistics, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan City from June 24 - 25, 2026. Registration is open: [2026 STSC 第 35 屆南區統計研討會 - 線上報名/Register](#).

Conference details: <https://stsc35.stat.ncku.edu.tw/>.

## ICSA China Conference 2026 (June 27 – 29, 2026)

[The 2026 ICSA China Conference](#) will be held from June 27-29, 2026, in Shenzhen, China. Co-sponsored by ICSA and Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), the conference's theme is "From Data to Decisions: Statistical Innovation for Complex Challenges." It brings together academic and industry researchers, practitioners, and students to address statistical challenges in a data-driven world. Dr. Qiman Shao ([shaoqm@sustech.edu.cn](mailto:shaoqm@sustech.edu.cn)), Dr. Tony Jianguo Sun ([sunjg@sustech.edu.cn](mailto:sunjg@sustech.edu.cn)), and Dr. George Tseng ([ctseng@pitt.edu](mailto:ctseng@pitt.edu)) will co-chair the conference.

The registration is open. To register, [create an online account](#) and [log in](#) to view the form. Once you complete those steps you can access the form from your [account page](#) or click this link: [Log In < 2026 ICSA China Conference — WordPress](#).

## ICSA Initiatives

ICSA is excited to share several key initiatives and collaborations with our members:

- Collaborates closely with other statistical associations: ASA, IMS, ISI, IISA, KISS, and ITSA.
- ICSA and IMS have established a joint membership. The two associations are working on systems to let members have the option to join/renew joint memberships at a discounted rate.
- Established a new ICSA award category: Catalyst for Impact Award. The 1<sup>st</sup> award was awarded in 2025. Other new ICSA award categories are under discussion.
- The ICSA Outreach and Engagement Committee has made tremendous efforts to expand service for ICSA members and outreach to attract students and statisticians to join the prestigious statistical society. You may have noticed the following, among others:
  - ICSA webinar series. See more detailed information in the Webinar Section of this newsletter.



- ICSA-sponsored events. ICSA has established a general procedure to sponsor an event, either social or academic, to outreach and benefit the ICSA members.
- Social media communications. You may notice that the ICSA has information delivered through multiple social media channels, including the ICSA website ([www.ICSA.org](http://www.ICSA.org)), member email List, and social media (X@ICSA\_Statistics, Youtube@ICSA\_Statistics, @ICSA-Webinar, Linked-in, etc.)
- We are pleased to announce that **the ICSA Mentor/Mentee Program** has been launched. The committee has been established to support junior statisticians as they transition from academia to industry. We **are seeking experienced professionals to serve as mentors**. Eligible mentors should have a minimum of three years of industry experience (e.g., pharma, biotech, financial, commercial, information technology, etc.); a passion for mentoring and supporting junior statisticians. If you meet the eligibility criteria and are interested in becoming a mentor, please register via [this link](#). Further details and schedules will be provided.

## The Duke-Industry Statistics Symposium (DISS) (April 8 - 10, 2026)

The Duke-Industry Statistics Symposium (DISS2026) will be held April 8 – 10, 2026, at the Executive Briefing Center on the SAS Institute, Inc. campus in Cary, NC, with the theme “From Insight to Impact: Statistical Innovation Driving Clinical Research in the AI Era”. The symposium will delve into cutting-edge areas of biostatistics and data innovation in pharmaceutical development, particularly in the context of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). For information about the symposium, including short courses, invited speakers, talk abstracts, poster submission, and registration, please visit the DISS2026 website (<https://sites.duke.edu/diss/>).

## 2026 SAPA Science and Career Symposium (May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026)

The 2026 SAPA (The Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association, <https://www.sapaweb.org>) Science and Career Symposium will be held at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 675 Hoes Lane West, **Piscataway, NJ**, May 2nd, 2026.

The Pharma AI/Data Science Session at the SAPA Science and Careers Symposium is designed as a technically rigorous forum highlighting methodological innovation at the intersection of artificial intelligence, biostatistics, and pharmaceutical research. Organized in collaboration with the ICSA, this session aims to foster deeper engagement between statistical scientists and



industry AI/machine learning leaders advancing quantitative methods and applications in drug development.

The program will emphasize statistically principled approaches to AI and machine learning that address complex challenges across the drug development lifecycle, including:

- Advanced Statistical Learning in Biomedical Research
- AI-Enabled Clinical Trial Innovation
- Regulatory-Grade AI/ML Implementation

Invited lectures will be delivered by senior quantitative scientists and statistical leaders from major pharmaceutical companies, focusing on both methodological innovation and real-world implementation challenges. Special lectures will explore the theoretical foundations and emerging frontiers of AI-integrated statistical science, highlighting opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration and methodological research.

This session seeks to strengthen partnerships between professional statistical organizations and the pharmaceutical industry by promoting rigorous quantitative standards, advancing methodological research, and cultivating the next generation of statisticians equipped to lead in the AI-enabled era of drug development.

Please refer to the program description (<https://www.sapaweb.org/2026-science-career-symposium>) for information, registration and proposed session topics. You may also contact Brian Jiang ([brian.jiang@sapaweb.org](mailto:brian.jiang@sapaweb.org)) and Dr. David Liu ([haiying.liu@sapaweb.org](mailto:haiying.liu@sapaweb.org)) for additional information.

## **The 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (May 8 – 10, 2026)**

Biostatistics and Bioinformatics have been playing key and important roles in statistics and other scientific research fields in recent years. The goal of the 11<sup>th</sup> workshop is to stimulate research and to foster the interaction of researchers in Biostatistics & Bioinformatics research areas. The workshop will provide the opportunity for faculty and graduate students to meet the top researchers, identify important directions for future research, and facilitate research collaborations. For detailed information, please refer to this website: [The 11th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics](#).



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## 7th Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM), Hong Kong, June 13 - June 16, 2026

The seventh Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM) will be held in Hong Kong from June 13 - June 16, 2026. This global forum will connect researchers from Asia, the Pacific Rim, and beyond to foster collaboration and advance the statistical profession. Building on past successes, the event will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops covering theoretical, methodological, and applied topics. Attendees can expect rich opportunities for idea exchange, networking, and professional development in the dynamic setting of Hong Kong. ICSA has already been allocated one distinguished lecture, **Mathematical Underpinnings of Distributed Inference: From Theory to Real-World Applications**, and three invited sessions.

For more information, please use the website [IMS-APRM CUHK 2026](#) or contact Prof. Ying Zhang ([ying.zhang@unmc.edu](mailto:ying.zhang@unmc.edu)).

## 2026 Summer Korean Statistical Society (KSS) Conference (July 2 – 4, 2026)

The 2026 KSS Conference will be held in Gyeongju, South Korea, from July 2-4, 2026. The event will offer both Korean- and English-language sessions, fostering rich opportunities for engagement between members of KISS (Korean International Statistical Society) and statisticians based in Korea. Attendees are encouraged to participate in invited sessions and networking activities throughout the conference.

Individuals interested in organizing or participating in an invited session may [fill out form](#), or contact the KISS Program Chair, Dr. Hyebin Song ([hps5320@psu.edu](mailto:hps5320@psu.edu)). Additionally, you may express your interest to the ICSA Program Committee co-chairs, Dr. Cindy Chen ([cindy.chen@vumc.org](mailto:cindy.chen@vumc.org)) and Dr. Xiaojing Wang ([xiaojing.wang@uconn.edu](mailto:xiaojing.wang@uconn.edu)).

## ASA SLDS 2026 Conference (November 1 - 3, 2026)

Join the ASA Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science for its 2026 Conference co-sponsored by ICSA, November 1–3 in New York City. The theme is “**Inference and Intelligence**,” focusing on advances in statistical learning and AI. Keynote speakers include **David Banks** (Duke University), **Dean Foster** (Amazon), **David Rosenberg** (Bloomberg), and **Bin Yu** (University of California, Berkeley).

SLDS welcomes participation from the wider statistical learning and data science community in shaping the event:



- **Invited session proposals:** Jiwei Zhao ([jiwei.zhao@wisc.edu](mailto:jiwei.zhao@wisc.edu)) or Wen Zhou ([wz3030@nyu.edu](mailto:wz3030@nyu.edu))
- **Short course proposals:** Giles Hooker ([ghooker@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:ghooker@wharton.upenn.edu))
- **Student paper or poster judges:** Nathaniel Sean O'Connell ([Nathaniel.Oconnell@wfusm.edu](mailto:Nathaniel.Oconnell@wfusm.edu))
- **Sponsorship inquiries:** Jaime Speiser ([Jaime.Speiser@wfusm.edu](mailto:Jaime.Speiser@wfusm.edu))

The local organizing committee, led by Yang Feng and Wen Zhou of New York University, will host the conference.

Additional information on abstract submission, registration, and program updates will be available on the conference website: <https://asa-slds.github.io/slds2026/>

## Call for Comments from ICSA Members

The ICSA By-laws and Constitution Committee has informed the committee's proposals and updates on the current ICSA Constitution and By-Laws. The key messages are as follows, and now for commenting from all members, who should reach out to the Committee or the ICSA Executive Committee if you have any comments and further suggestions by June of 2026.

### Constitution - 12 Articles

#### 1. ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

##### ***More emphasis on data science***

**Current:** *"to promote the theory and applications of statistical disciplines through scholarly activities, including publication of journals in statistics and probability, scientific meetings, and other educational programs"*

**Suggested revision:** *"to promote the theory, methods, and applications of statistical disciplines, and to impact data science, through scholarly activities, including scientific conferences, educational programs, and journals in statistics, data science, probability, and their novel applications."*

**Current:** *"to broaden applications of statistical techniques in all areas of society, including industry and government"*

**Suggested revision:** *"to broaden applications of statistical techniques in all sectors of society to drive discovery and innovation, including academia, industry and government".*

**Current:** *"to promote better understanding and interest by the general public of statistical methodology and related applications"*



**Suggested revision:** “to cultivate better understanding and interest in statistical thinking among the general public in a data-rich, AI-evolving society.”

**Current:** “to foster cooperative efforts among educational, research, industrial, and governmental personnel in statistical activities.”

**Suggested revision:** “To foster cooperative efforts among educational, research, industrial, and governmental personnel in statistical and data science activities.”

## By-Laws - 12 Articles

### 1. ARTICLE 5. ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Definition 5.1 A cooperating or associated society is a nonprofit organization interested in the objectives of the Association and concerned with the advancement of the statistical methodology or of its application, and data science. The Association may also form partnerships with industry organizations with similar interests and goals.

### 2. ARTICLE 9. COMMITTEES

*Finance Committee* → *Finance Committee*

*The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chair, the Past Treasurer, and the Applied Statistics Symposium Treasurer. The committee shall oversee the budget and financial matters, including IRS income tax filing.*

*Financial Advisory Committee*

*The Financial Advisory Committee shall consist of six members with financial proficiency, appointed by the President. The Financial Advisory Committee recommends long-term financial planning and investment strategies for the Association’s assets, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.*

*Nominating and Election Committee – Nominating, Election and Leadership Development Committee*

*The Committee shall also identify and cultivate emerging and potential leaders within the Association, providing opportunities for leadership development.*

The Constitution Committee recommends unanimously to include the *Membership Committee*, *Finance Committee* as the Standing Committee. These two committees are well organized, have clear functional roles, and meet regularly.

There were some discussions on the *Outreach and Engagement Committee*. This Committee has been very active to promote and enhance the educational, scientific, and outreach goals of



the ICSA. The Constitution Committee recommends adding this Committee as a Standing Committee.

## Corner to Celebrate ICSA Members

This section was created to highlight the achievements of our members. All ICSA members are encouraged to contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director ([executive.director@icsa.org](mailto:executive.director@icsa.org)) with a brief introduction about themselves and the award.

### Congratulations to ICSA Members: Fan Li and Weijie Su, the Winners of COPSS Awards for 2026!

**Weijie Su**, University of Pennsylvania, has received the 2026 Presidents' Award from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies for statistical foundations of generative AI including the watermarking, alignment, and rankings of LLMs; for advances in privacy preserving data analysis applied to the 2020 US Decennial Census; for improving peer review in machine learning; for foundational work in convex optimization; for wider-ranging contributions to deep learning theory and high-dimensional inference ranging contributions to deep learning theory and high-dimensional inference.

**Fan Li**, Yale University, has received the 2026 Emerging Leaders Awards from COPSS for foundational contributions to causal inference methods for pragmatic clinical trials and observational studies; for leadership in advancing statistical practice in patient-centered clinical research; and for outstanding mentorship and professional service.

Please join us in congratulating Weijie and Li for their exceptional achievements and impact on the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [Home - Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies \(COPSS\)](#).

### ICSA Social Media Sites

X: [https://x.com/ICSA\\_Statistics](https://x.com/ICSA_Statistics)

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar>,  
[https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA\\_statistics](https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA_statistics)

Linked-In: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-chinese-statistical-association/posts>



## ICSA Springer Book Series in Statistics

The editor of the ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Dr. Din Chen, has reported that there are [29 books](#) in the series now. **One new book** will be published in 2026, along with 1 and 3 books published in 2025 and 2024, with a detailed message below. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact the co-editors Dr. Din Chen ([Ding-Geng.Chen@asu.edu](mailto:Ding-Geng.Chen@asu.edu)) and Dr. Yichuan Zhao ([yichuan@gsu.edu](mailto:yichuan@gsu.edu)).

### **Big Data Analytics in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics**

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

Copyright: 2026

### **Dose Finding and Beyond in Biopharmaceutical Development**

Authors: Jingjing Ye, Ding-Geng Chen, Wen Zhou, Qiqi Deng, Joseph C. Cappelleri

Copyright: 2025

Published: 2025

### **Modeling Binary Correlated Responses using SAS, SPSS, R and STAT**

Authors: Jeffrey R. Wilson, Kent A. Lorenz & Lori P. Selby

Copyright: 2024

Published: September 2024

### **Innovative Designs and Analyses for Small Population Clinical Trials**

Authors: Lei Nie & Jingjing Ye

Copyright: 2024

Published: July 2024

### **Statistics in Precision Health: Theory, Methods and Applications**

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

Copyright: 2024

Published: April 2024

Refer to [this site](#) for all other books' information.



## Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals

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### ICSA Sponsored Journals Statistics in Biosciences

The published new issue is Volume 18 Issue 1 in March 2026

[Statistics in Biosciences | Volume 18, issue 1 \(springer.com\)](#)

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below

<https://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/default.aspx>

### ICSA Co-sponsored Journal Statistica Sinica

Statistica Sinica is co-sponsored by the Institute of Statistical Science Academia Sinica (ISSAS) <https://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/eng/index.php>. Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. The new issue ([Volume 36 Number 1, January 2026 \(sinica.edu.tw\)](#)) is published.

There are two online special issue for your references:

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue II, July 2025: Network Data Analysis](#)

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue I, January 2025: Data Privacy: Overview](#)

ICSA members have access to these articles via the "membership only area" at <http://www.icsa.org>. If you have any problems with subscription, please contact the editorial office through [ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw).

## ICSA Meetings and Events

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The ICSA meetings and events are sponsored by the ICSA. Normally official meetings and events appear on the ICSA website and multiple ICSA communication platforms. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director

([executive.director@icsa.org](mailto:executive.director@icsa.org)).

All upcoming ICSA conferences and events are listed under the [highlights section](#).



## Co-Sponsored Meetings and Events

ICSA has established a general process for co-sponsorship of conferences and events with other organizations and groups. If you are interested in co-sponsoring a conference or an event (e.g., a social event, a career event, etc.) with the ICSA, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director ([executive.director@icsa.org](mailto:executive.director@icsa.org)) for the details.

All upcoming ICSA co-sponsored conferences and events are currently listed under the [highlights section](#).

## Online Training and Seminars

### ICSA Webinar Series

The ICSA (Webinar subcommittee, Outreach and Engagement Committee) is planning multiple series of webinars, with topics ranging from career development, statistical knowledge, to cutting-edge statistical methodologies. ICSA members and friends will be notified of future Webinar information through emails, ICSA websites, social media (e.g., X, WeChat, Linked-in), and other social media platforms. The Career Development Webinar Series has been successful and attracted many attendees, especially many junior level statisticians. A new Webinar Series, tentatively named ICSA Journal Highlight Series, has been initiated, and the Webinar Committee hopes to launch the series in the coming year. Stay tuned on other Webinar series that are planned by the Webinar committee.

#### Upcoming Webinar

**Date/time:** Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00-4:00PM EST

**Title:** Preclinical Safety Statistics: Introduction, Perspectives, and New Developments

**Speaker:** Dean (Dingzhou) Li



Dr. Dean (Dingzhou) Li has a doctorate degree in Physics and a master's in Biostatistics from the University of Michigan. He is currently a Senior Director and Group Lead of Drug Safety Statistics of the Nonclinical Statistics organization at Pfizer. Dean has extensive experience in supporting preclinical/non-clinical safety assessments in various disciplines, as well as in drug discovery, metabolism, and pharmacokinetics. Apart from portfolio work, he is the leading statistician of several cross-pharm safety consortia/working groups in collaboration with pharma and regulatory agencies. He has also been active in providing continuing education in statistics to scientists. Dean has co-authored one



book chapter, two white papers, and over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles on preclinical safety work.

**Host:** Xin Huang

Free event, but registration is needed via this link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XAFPYggERh-zkECcgyzABA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XAFPYggERh-zkECcgyzABA)

**About the webinar:**

In the pharmaceutical industry, statistical research and analysis play a critical role in drug development, regulatory submission, and approval. This presentation focuses on the quantitative aspects of pharmaceutical science. First, we introduce several applications of mathematics and statistics in pharmacology, including characterizing drug concentration–time profiles and informing dose selection. Then we illustrate the value of statistics in pharmaceutical research by addressing variability among individuals, occasions, and treatment conditions, and by reviewing measures of location and dispersion used to describe data. We conclude with selected topics in pharmaceutical statistics, with particular emphasis on considerations for Phase 1 clinical trials.

All the past webinars are available at <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar> including:

- ICSA Mentoring Lounge – Grand Opening (October 2025)
- Panel Discussion with Journal Editors (March 2025)
- Soft Skills and Leadership Development in the Pharmaceutical Industry – The Lotus Group series
  - No Experience, No Problem – Launching a Prosperous Career in the Pharmaceutical Industry (February 2024)
  - Elevating Careers Through Recognition and Visibility (April 2024)
  - Effective Communication at Work (October 2024)
  - From Campus to Pharma: Interview prep for Aspiring Statistician (February 2025)
  - The Art and Science of Negotiation as a Biostatistician (May 2025)
  - Leading Science and Clinical Research – Biostatistics in the Age of AI (Oct 2025)
- Basic Knowledge Training in the Pharmaceutical Industry
  - Daily Work Life as a Statistician in Pharmaceutical Industry (March 2024)
  - Clinical Development Plan - Understanding the Big Picture as a Statistician in the Pharmaceutical Industry (May 2024)
  - Main Emphasis of a Statistician’s Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry — Section 1: Late-stage Clinical Trial Design (November 2024)
  - Main Emphasis of a Statistician’s Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry -- Section 2: Clinical Trial Data Analysis (March 2025)



- Causal Inference in Pharmaceutical Statisticians (April 2025)
- The Art and Science of Negotiation (May 2025)
- Overview of Analysis Strategy on Handling Missing at Random Data and Estimand (September 2025)
- Introduction to Multiplicity in Clinical Trials (November 2025)
- Pharmacokinetic Statistics in Pharmaceutical Development (Feb 2026)

Records and slides are available in this link: [Past Webinars – International Chinese Statistical Association \(icsa.org\)](#).

## ICSA Mentoring Lounge

### About the ICSA Mentoring Lounge:

ICSA proudly presents a highly interactive Zoom-based mentorship initiative, *ICSA Mentoring Lounge*, designed to support junior statisticians transitioning from academia to industry. During this one-hour office-hour format session via Zoom, junior statisticians are encouraged to ask questions or submit them in advance. If you're interested, please register via the registration link and we will send you the Zoom invitation.

## ICSA Mentoring Lounge – From Statistics to Finance Industry

**Date:** April 20, 2026 @8-9pm ET

**Mentor panel:** Lei Chen, Roy Tang

**Moderator:** Yushi Liu, Hanfei Xu, Zhe Sun

**Format:** One-hour Zoom-based meeting interacting with experts from the finance industry

**Target Audience:** Students interested in industry or junior statisticians new to industry

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/YUo3P1vx2MjeoyPb8>





## About the Mentors:

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**Lei Chen** is a seasoned financial services executive and advisor specializing in fraud risk, credit risk, and data-driven transformation across banking and fintech. She currently advises fintech companies on product strategy, growth, and risk. Lei previously served as Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, leading fraud risk strategy, and held senior leadership roles at American Express. She holds a Ph.D. in Statistics from Michigan State University and serves on the board of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey and Purple Swans Corporation.

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**Roy Tang** started his career at American Express, working on risk management and business strategy in credit card. He moved on to work at different leading investment banks, including Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley, focusing on derivatives pricing, counterparty risk modeling, and model validation. He later served as Chief Risk Officer of brokerage business at PingAn Securities and went on to lead structured finance at PingAn Securities and PingAn Bank. Since 2024, he has been with Citigroup, focusing on capital calculation and management.

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- The first session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on October 1, 2025, featuring a panel of mentors from leading pharmaceutical companies [Margaret Gamalo (Pfizer), Wei Shen (Eli Lilly and Company), Xun Chen (AbbVie)] and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company).
- The second session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, featuring mentors from tech industry [Chang Liu (Google), Zerui Zhang (LinkedIn)] and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company).
- The third session of the ICSA mentoring Lounge took place on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, providing opportunities to interact with data science team lead: Haoda Fu (Amgen) and Zhaoling Meng (Sanofi), in pharma industry; and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company)

Feedback from the post-session survey was extremely positive, highlighting the value of direct access to industry experts and the opportunity to ask questions directly from the audience.



## Job Listings

### **Research Assistant Professor in Research Assistant Professor in Optimization and Operations Research / Statistics and Data Science / Financial Mathematics / Engineering and Computational Mathematics / Mathematical Science (several posts) (Ref. 260305001), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

#### THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

With over 85 years of rich heritage, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has evolved alongside society and made pivotal contributions to the development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Nation and the world. The University pursues world-class excellence in education, research and knowledge transfer to nurture socially responsible leaders and professionals, as well as to drive impactful research and innovation. PolyU will strive to continually excel as an innovative world-class university that makes a positive impact on society, living up to the University's motto: "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind".

Ranked among the top 100 universities globally by well-known ranking organisations such as Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Times Higher Education (THE) and U.S. News & World Report, PolyU offers a wide range of world-class educational and research programmes in seven faculties and three independent schools. PolyU has furthermore achieved commendable results in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025 – it is ranked in the global top 30 for seven subjects, is first in Hong Kong for three subjects, and is in the global top 100 for 26 subjects. For further details about the University, please visit PolyU's website at <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/>.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

The Department of Applied Mathematics (AMA) is one of the constituent departments of the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. Apart from making a significant contribution to most of other academic programmes of the University by providing service teaching, the Department also offers master programmes in Applied Mathematics for Science and Technology, Operational Research and Risk Analysis and Quantitative Finance and FinTech. Starting from 2025/26 academic year, the Department offers a new Bachelor Scheme in Applied Mathematics and Finance Analytics and Fast-track Integrated Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes and will launch a new master programme, MSc in Mathematics for Artificial Intelligence



Technology in 2026/27. Members of the Department have expertise in applied optimization and optimal control, engineering computation, operational research, management science and applied statistics, FinTech, data science and machine learning. There are currently 54 academic staff and about 105 research personnel in the Department. Please visit the website at <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ama> for more information about the Department.

The Department has established Joint Laboratory of Applied Mathematics with the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (JLab), CITIC-PolyU Interdisciplinary Mathematical Digital AI Joint Laboratory (AIJLab) and Mathematical Optimization Innovation Laboratory with Huawei. The appointees are expected to be actively involved in the activities of the Laboratory.

### **Duties**

The appointees will be required to:

- (a) conduct research as the main duty and actively pursue external research grants, such as General Research Fund, as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator;
- (b) provide quality teaching at undergraduate or postgraduate level;
- (c) contribute to departmental service; and
- (d) perform any other duties as assigned by the Head of the Department or his delegates.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants should:

- (a) have a PhD degree in Mathematics / Statistics / Financial Mathematics / Operations Research / Computational Mathematics / Applied Mathematics or a closely related field with experience in Data Science and Analytics;
- (b) preferably have at least two years of relevant postdoctoral research experience;
- (c) have demonstrated promise of a high level of creativity in research and teaching in some subdivisions of his/her field;
- (d) be able to demonstrate effective classroom teaching; and
- (e) be highly proficient in written and spoken English.

### **Conditions of Service**

A highly competitive package including a medical benefits plan and a gratuity payable upon completion of the term which is normally for two to three years initially, with possibility of extension.



## Application

Please submit an application through PolyU's career website (<https://jobs.polyu.edu.hk/rap>). **Consideration of applications will commence on 26 March 2026 until the positions are filled.** The University's Personal Information Collection Statement for recruitment can be found at [https://www.polyu.edu.hk/hro/careers/pics\\_for\\_recruitment/](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/hro/careers/pics_for_recruitment/).

## Tenure-Track Faculty Positions at the Levels of Assistant, Associate, or Full Research Fellow (Equivalent to Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor at Universities)

### Position description

The Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, invites applications for tenure-track positions at the levels of Assistant, Associate, or Full Research Fellow (equivalent to Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor at universities). We seek visionary researchers eager to contribute to our interdisciplinary community. Candidates should bring fresh perspectives to statistics, data science, and related fields such as computer science and artificial intelligence.

### Qualification

Candidates hold Ph.D. degrees in statistics, data sciences, computer science, or any related fields. Candidates with peer-reviewed papers or works published within the last five years are preferred.

### Job description

Academia Sinica, Taiwan's most preeminent academic research institution, offers generous research funding, travel support, faculty housing, and other benefits. The Institute of Statistical Science provides a secure and stimulating research environment, with more than 30 faculty members, supportive administrative and IT teams, and many international visiting scholars and academic activities annually. Unlike university faculty, our researchers have the flexibility to choose whether or not to teach.

### Application Materials

(1) A cover letter; (2) An up-to-date curriculum vita; (3) A detailed publication list; (4) Research proposals about current and future work; (5) Three letters of recommendation; (6) Representative publications and technical reports; (7) Master's and doctoral advisers' names. Additional supporting materials, such as transcripts for new Ph.D. degree recipients, may also be included. We have a rolling recruitment process and will review applications as they are received. Suitable candidates will promptly proceed to the subsequent evaluation stage. Applicants are advised to



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submit their applications early. The submission deadline for this round is June 30, 2026.  
Electronic submissions are encouraged. Applications should be submitted to

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128, Sec. 2, Academia Rd, Nankang, Taipei 11529, Taiwan, R.O.C.  
E-mail: [recruit@stat.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:recruit@stat.sinica.edu.tw)