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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.

Information regarding the student paper award is available at <https://symposium2026.icsa.org/awards-grants/>

To register, 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 Chen will announce the ICSA Awards recipients, ICSA achievements, and new initiatives, followed by the newly initiated Industry Leadership Summit.
- The Banquet, an ICSA tradition, will be in the evening on Tuesday, June 16.
- The organizing committee is planning a session in memory of Professor George Tiao.



## 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.

## 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)).

## 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



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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)).

## Conference on Statistics and Trustworthy AI for Cross (X)-Domain Acceleration (STAI-X), Harvard University, July 31 – August 1, 2026

### Call for papers and posters

In partnership with several leading statistical organizations and journals, the [StatsUpAI Interest Group](#) of the American Statistical Association is delighted to announce the first [STAI-X: Statistics and Trustworthy AI for Cross \(X\)-Domain Acceleration](#) (STAI-X) conference to be held at Harvard University on July 31-August 1, 2026. The STAI-X conference is co-hosted with the Department of Statistics and the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard University, and will take place just before the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), which will be in Boston this year.

STAI-X aims to advance the integration of statistics and AI to accelerate trustworthy cross-domain discovery, innovation, spanning theory, methods, and applications, aiming for broad impact. STAI-X provides an opportunity to showcase cutting-edge research at the intersection of statistics and AI, facilitate connections and collaborations across research domains in AI, as well as hosting invited talks, platform talks selected from submitted papers, and offering short courses.

**Partner organizations:** The STAI-X conference is organized in partnership with several leading organizations, including the National Academies Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics ([NASEM-CATS](#)), Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies ([COPSS](#)), American Statistical Association ([ASA](#)), Institute of Mathematical Statistics ([IMS](#)), East-Northern American Region ([ENAR](#)) and West-Northern American Region ([WNAR](#)) of International Biometrics Society, Statistical Society and Canada ([SSC](#)), and International Chinese Statistical Association ([ICSA](#)).

We would like to invite paper and poster submissions on all topics at the interface of AI and statistics, as well as domain applications. Areas of interest include Foundations and Methods at



the Interface of Statistics and AI, AI Agents and Benchmarks for Data-Driven Discovery, and AI x Statistics x Science and Society.

**Integrated Conference-Journal Peer Review Model:** In partnership with leading statistical and domain science journals, STAI-X introduces a novel peer review model designed to accelerate research dissemination by combining the speed and topical relevance of machine learning conferences with the rigor and editorial standards of journals.

### Call for Papers and Partner Journals

The call for 8-page papers is now open ([submission portal](#)). Accepted peer-reviewed papers will be eligible for publication in the STAI-X proceedings, as well as consideration for platform presentations, and paper awards. Top-ranked accepted conference papers will be eligible for being invited to submit expanded versions for fast-track reviews by partner journals, including the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *Harvard Data Science Review*, *ASA Discoveries*, *Canadian Journal of Statistics*, *Genetics*, and *Genome Research*.

### Call for Posters

The call for 2-page abstracts is now open ([submission portal](#)). Accepted submissions will be eligible for poster presentations, lightning talks, and stellar abstract awards.

### Call for Short Courses

We invite proposals for short courses held on July 31, 2026, focusing on cutting-edge topics at the interface of statistics and AI, including but not limited to foundation models, generative AI, agentic AI, and trustworthy machine learning.

### Call for Sponsors

We are actively soliciting industry, government, and academic sponsorships. Please contact Prof. [Peter Song](#) (University of Michigan) for opportunities.

<https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026><https://statsupai.org><https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026/call-for-papers.html><https://websites.umich.edu/~songlab/people.html><https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026/>

## 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 completed a proposal to update i ICSA Constitution and By-Laws. It is now for commenting from all members. If you have any comments and further suggestions, please reach out to the Committee Chair (Dr. Hongzhe Li, [hongzhe@upenn.edu](mailto:hongzhe@upenn.edu)) or the ICSA Executive Committee ([executive.director@icsa.org](mailto:executive.director@icsa.org)) by the end of June, 2026. The specific proposed changes are given below:

### 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

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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 Fan for their exceptional achievements and impact on the statistical sciences!

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



## 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 2, April 2026 \(sinica.edu.tw\)](#)) is published.

There are three special online issues for your reference:

[Vol. 36 Online Special Issue I, April 2026](#): Discussion Paper

[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 Springer Book Series in Statistics

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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.

## **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](#).

## Obituary

### In Memoriam: George C. Tiao (1933–2026), Founding President of ICSA



George C. Tiao, a giant of modern statistics and one of the most beloved leaders of the international statistical community, passed away peacefully in his sleep in Chicago on April 25, 2026, at the age of 92.

Born on November 8, 1933 in London, United Kingdom, and raised in China during one of its most turbulent periods, George earned a B.A. in Economics from National Taiwan University in 1955. He moved to the United States in 1956, earned his MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University in 1958, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1962 under the direction of George E. P. Box and Arthur Goldberger. He remained at the Department of Statistics at Wisconsin for the next twenty years, serving as Chair from 1973 to 1975 and being appointed Bascom Professor of Statistics in 1981. In 1982 he moved to the University of Chicago Booth School of Business as the W. Allen Wallis Professor of Econometrics and Statistics, a chair he held until his retirement in 2003. A Distinguished Professor and a world-renowned leader in Bayesian inference, time series analysis, and environmental statistics, he was known in the research world for his boundless intellectual curiosity, his careful attention to substantive problems, and his insistence on theoretically sound yet simple methodology. He received numerous awards, including the Wilks Memorial Medal of the American Statistical Association (2001), the Julius Shiskin Award (2001), the Distinguished Service Medal of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics of Taiwan (1993), and Statistician of the Year from the Chicago Chapter of the ASA (2005). He was elected an Academician of Academia Sinica,



Taiwan, in 1976; a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Royal Statistical Society; and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. He received honorary doctorates from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and National Tsing Hua University in 2003. He was appointed Honorary Professor of Peking University in 2002. Among his colleagues he was revered for his integrity, geniality, generosity, and an unending devotion to the statistics profession.

In addition to his academic appointments, George served as a consultant and advisor to central banks of several countries, to the U.S. Census Bureau, and to many national and international agencies on questions of economic, demographic, and environmental statistics. He was a member of the U.S. EPA Ozone Science Tiger Team that received the 2005 EPA award for its work on stratospheric ozone.

Throughout his career, George was a tireless builder of statistical institutions. In 1988 he founded *Statistica Sinica* and served as its founding chief editor from 1988 to 1993, shaping it into one of the leading international peer-reviewed journals in statistics. In 1987 he served as founding President of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), an organization that today has more than 1,000 members and stands among the foremost statistical communities in the world. He played an instrumental role in advancing statistical education in Taiwan and China, founding the Institute of Statistical Sciences at Academia Sinica in Taiwan, the College of Technology Management at National Tsing Hua University, and the Department of Business Statistics and Econometrics at the Guanghua School of Management of Peking University. For three decades he was a principal organizer of the NBER/NSF Time Series Conference, and in 1986 he established the annual conference "Making Statistics More Effective in Schools of Business," which has had a major and lasting influence on the teaching of statistics in business schools.

George's contributions to statistics were both fundamental and profound. The author of more than 150 papers and seven books, he made deep and lasting contributions to Bayesian inference, time series analysis, intervention analysis, outlier detection, and environmental statistics. His 1973 book with George E. P. Box, *Bayesian Inference in Statistical Analysis*, is recognized as a classic and was, for a generation of statisticians, the textbook that brought Bayesian methods into mainstream statistical practice; it remains a definitive reference for the analytical and philosophical foundations of the subject. In Bayesian statistics he made seminal contributions to random-effects models, Bayesian robustness, outlier detection, and the data-translated likelihood approach for constructing non-informative priors. His name became almost synonymous with time series analysis, where his lasting contributions include intervention analysis (with G. E. P. Box), systematic procedures for outlier detection and for random level shifts and variance changes, methods for identifying stationary and non-stationary ARMA models, model-based seasonal adjustment, cointegration in multivariate time series, identifiability of vector ARMA models, and the treatment of aggregation and complex unit roots. Beyond methodology, George



brought statistical thinking to questions of great public importance: he produced the first statistical analysis of Los Angeles ambient carbon monoxide data, and from 1980 led a two-decade national collaboration with NOAA, NASA, the EPA, and industry on stratospheric ozone, work that produced the first unambiguous evidence of a decline in the ozone layer and underpinned the scientific case for the Montreal Protocol and the global phase-out of ozone-depleting chemicals.

George was known to be an inspiring and caring teacher. He supervised more than 25 Ph.D. students, many of whom are now distinguished scholars and leaders in their own right. His collaborators spread across many continents. In addition to his editorial leadership at *Statistica Sinica*, he served on the editorial boards of several leading statistical journals and as advisor to numerous professional organizations.

Beyond the seminar room and the editorial desk, George was a man of warm friendships and wide cultural enthusiasms. He loved Mahjong, Bridge, and Go; he was a connoisseur of gourmet food and fine wine; and he was deeply devoted to opera and classical music. For more than two decades, the Thanksgiving dinners that he and his beloved wife Barbara hosted in Madison and Chicago for sixty or more students, family, and friends — extraordinary food, good cheer, and conversation late into the night — were legendary among generations of Wisconsin and Chicago statisticians.

George will be greatly missed for his enormous intellect, his wisdom, his generosity, and his unfailingly easy laughter. He married Barbara in 1958; she preceded him in death in March 2008. He is survived by his daughters Vivian (Don) and Julie (Anthony), his sons Gregory (Lisa) and Paul (Varuni), and nine grandchildren — all of whom will forever cherish his love, his mentorship, and his quick and easy laughter.

A memorial service for George will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grainger Ballroom at Symphony Center (220 S Michigan Ave, Chicago). Details are available at [https://pp.events/georgetiao\\_memorial](https://pp.events/georgetiao_memorial). In tribute to George's memory, the International Chinese Statistical Association is establishing an award in his honor. A memorial session will also be held at the 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium this June in Arlington, Virginia.

*Written respectfully by George's colleagues, students, and friends in the international statistical community.*

## ICSA Social Media Sites

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



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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>  
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## 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.

**Panelist:** Jeen Liu & Jianchang Lin

**Facilitator:** Helena Fan

**Date:** June 5, 2026, 3:00–4:00 PM EDT

**Registration link:** [Register Here](#)



**Dr. Jeen Liu** is Head of Biostatistics & Data Management at Regeneron, with extensive drug development experience across all phases of clinical trials. He previously held leadership roles at Novartis, Astellas, Eisai, and Allergan/AbbVie, and supported multiple successful submissions and approvals, including Xolair, Prograf, micafungin, and bimatoprost SR implant. He is a strong advocate for data-driven decision-making and advancing the role of statistics and data science in drug development and healthcare. Dr. Liu holds a Ph.D. in Statistics from UC Berkeley.



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**Dr. Jianchang Lin** is Executive Director and Head of Statistical and Quantitative Sciences for Neuroscience and the Chief Statistical Office at Takeda. He has extensive experience across Oncology, Neuroscience, Cell Therapy, Immunology, and Rare Diseases, contributing to multiple global approvals and launches. His work focuses on innovation in trial design, RWD/RWE, AI/ML, and quantitative decision-making. He has authored 80+ peer reviewed articles, edited two Springer books, held leadership roles with ASA and ICSA, and was elected ASA Fellow in 2025.



**Helena Fan**, co-founder of The Lotus Group, a leading recruitment firm for biometric professionals in the life science industry. With an MBA from the University of Southern California and a Master's in Public Health from West China University of Medical Science in China. Helena brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise accumulated over her impressive 20-year career in the staffing industry

### About the Panel:

Join us for an exclusive ICSA webinar featuring two industry leaders as they share hard-won insights on how statisticians can drive real impact in pharma organizations. This dynamic panel discussion goes beyond the numbers, tackling the critical but often overlooked skill of influence: how to communicate up to leadership, collaborate across functions, and ensure your work actually shapes decisions. Whether you're a student entering the field or a seasoned professional looking to elevate your presence, you'll walk away with practical strategies for making your voice heard at every level of the organization. We'll also explore how the rise of AI is reshaping the statistician's role — and what it means for your career. Don't miss this candid, high-energy conversation that every pharma statistician needs to hear.

### More Information

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### Upcoming Webinar

**Date/time:** Friday, May 22, 2026, 3:00-4:00 PM EST

**Title:** A Practical Overview for Statistician

**Register for the Webinar:** [Register for the Webinar](#)

### About the webinar:



Oncology drug development places unique demands on evidence generation, regulatory strategy, and decision-making, requiring statisticians to operate as strategic partners rather than technical contributors alone. This session provides a practical, high-level overview of oncology development, focusing on how regulatory pathways, endpoints, and trial designs interact to shape program success. Using real-world examples, the talk emphasizes how statisticians influence development strategy, interpretability of evidence, and milestone decisions across the lifecycle. Statisticians with general pharmaceutical industry experience who are new to oncology or seeking a clearer strategic and regulatory perspective on oncology drug development should find it most useful.

### About the Speaker

Qi Xia serves as the Head of Oncology Statistics at AbbVie, overseeing oncology statistical deliverables from first-in-human trials through to regulatory approvals, providing strategic, operational, and technical leadership to statisticians, and ensuring the oncology TA develops scientifically robust strategies that integrate the best current practices alongside innovative methodologies. Prior to her tenure at AbbVie, Qi was Senior Director at Genentech/Roche, where she led the data sciences and statistics group responsible for supporting late-stage development across various molecules, disease indications, and clinical phases. She earned her Ph.D. in Statistics from Rutgers University. She is dedicated to advancing rigorous drug development, pioneering trial design, and sound decision-making. Her interests focus on enhancing drug development through practical innovation and greater efficiency.

**Chair:** Deli Wang

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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)
  - Preclinical Safety Statistics: Introduction, Perspectives, and New Developments (April 2026)
  - Oncology Drug Development: A Practical Overview for Statisticians (May 2026)

## 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.

- 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 5th, 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 20th, 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 & Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company)
- The fourth session of the ICSA mentoring lounge took place on April 20th, 2026, providing opportunities to interact with finance statistics led by Lei Chen & Roy Tang, moderated by Yushi Liu, Hanfei Xu, & Zhe Sun (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

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### **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), The Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan**

### **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 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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