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Highlights

ICSA 2027 President-Elect and 2027-2029 Board of Directors

Congratulations to Dr. Harrison Zhou, elected to be the ICSA 2027 President-elect, and to the five newly elected members of the 2027-2029 ICSA Board of Directors. Thanks to the Nominating and Election Committee, chaired by Dr. Hongjian Zhu, and all eligible members who participated in the vote.

President-Elect

Dr. Harrison Zhou



Henry Ford II Prof. of
Statistics and Data
Science, Yale Univ.

2027-2029 Board of Directors (Ordered by Family Name)

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Washington Univ. in
St. Louis

Dr. Yue Shentu



Executive Director,
Biostatistics, Merck
Sharp & Dohme LLC

Dr. Qi Xia



Head of Oncology
Statistics, AbbVie

Dr. Chunming Zhang



Prof. of Statistics,
Univ. of Wisconsin-
Madison

Dr. Ping-Shou Zhong



Prof. of Statistics,
Dept. of
Mathematics,
Statistics and
Computer Science,
Univ. of Illinois
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ICSA Mentor-Mentee Program Fall Social (October 3, 2026)

You're invited to the ICSA Mentor-Mentee Program Fall Social, connecting local statistics students with seasoned industry professionals across Greater Boston. This is the 1st in-person event open to the entire Greater Boston statistics/biostatistics student community.

Date and Time: October 3, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Location: Room 1101, Duan Family Center for Computing and Data Sciences, Boston University (BU CDS Building)

Featured Mentors:

Jianchang Lin, PhD — Executive Director and Head of Statistical and Quantitative Sciences for Neuroscience and the Chief Statistical Office at Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

Yaming Hang, PhD — Quantitative scientist and drug development leader with over 20 years of experience spanning statistics, clinical pharmacology, and pharmacometrics.

Flynn McMorrow, MS — Biostatistician at Galderma; previously a Data Scientist at the University of Pennsylvania and a Biostatistician at Harvard School of Public Health.

Mandy Du, PhD — Manager at Analysis Group and a graduate of Boston University, specializing in health economics and outcomes research.

This is a great chance for students and professionals alike to network, ask questions, and gain insight into career paths in statistics and biostatistics.

To learn more about the event and speakers, and to register, please scan the QR code included in the flyer, or contact mentorship@icsa.org and bubsa@bu.edu with any questions.



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

[The 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium](#) lit up George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia — drawing more than 500 statisticians, data scientists, and AI researchers together to celebrate 35 years of the symposium under the theme "Integrating Statistics and AI for Responsible Innovation and Trustworthy Decision-Making." Over four energizing days, the event united voices from academia, government, and industry in 100 invited sessions, four short courses, and a lively poster session featuring 26 posters — with more than 400 speakers pushing the boundaries of statistics and AI.



Attendees were inspired by dynamic keynotes from Emmanuel Candès (Stanford), and John Scott (FDA), and James Zou (Stanford), capped by a rousing banquet address from Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard). Dr. Lily Wang (lwang41@gmu.edu) and Dr. Wanli Qiao (wqiao@gmu.edu) led the charge as symposium co-chairs, bringing this milestone event to life.

The symposium's highlights sparked real energy: an inaugural Leadership Summit that drew 200+ attendees eager to shape the future of the field, and a Mentor-Mentee Roundtable that brought many mentees together with 10 dedicated mentors for career-changing conversations.

The symposium's success also reflected the generosity of its local community: more than 40 volunteers from eight institutions, together with numerous faculty and staff, kept every session, workshop, and social event running smoothly. At the Tuesday banquet, an awards ceremony recognized outstanding contributions from students, early-career researchers, and established scholars, including four Statistics in Biosciences Paper Awards, five ICSA Student Paper Award winners — Xin Wen, Yicheng Shen, Tian Bai, Qingkai Dong, Guanhao Zhou — the Jiann-Ping Hsu Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper Award winner – Yuhan Qian, four honorable mentions – Yang Long, Dingyi Wang, Jianan Zhu, and six Best Poster Award recipients across three prize tiers.

Spotlight: ICSA China Conference 2026 (June 27 – 29, 2026)

[The 2026 ICSA China Conference](#) brought data-driven energy to the Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) in Shenzhen, China. Co-organized by ICSA and SUSTech, the conference explored the theme "From Data to Decisions: Statistical Innovation for Complex Challenges" — spotlighting how modern statistical methods turn raw, high-dimensional data into real-world solutions for complex, multidisciplinary problems. The program featured four keynote addresses, 151 invited sessions, 21 poster presentations, one short course, and a full slate of social events.

Keynote lectures were delivered by four internationally renowned statisticians — Dr. Annie Qu (University of California, Irvine), Dr. Weijie Su (University of Pennsylvania), Dr. Niansheng Tang (Yunnan University, China), and Dr. Jeremy Taylor (University of Michigan)— who shared their latest insights on statistical methodology and its future directions. Dr. Qiman Shao (shaoqm@sustech.edu.cn), Dr. Tony Jianguo Sun (sunjg@sustech.edu.cn), and Dr. George Tseng (ctseng@pitt.edu) led the conference as co-chairs.

The conference drew more than 800 participants from academia, government, and industry across the globe, thanks to the tireless efforts of the organizing committee and more than 80 student volunteers at SUSTech. Highlights included the conference banquet on Sunday, June 28, where six Junior Research Award winners and five Poster Award winners were recognized amid dinner and a stage performance.



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: ICSA Student Service Award, to recognize outstanding service, leadership, and unselfish contributions by student members of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA). The award addresses a current gap in ICSA's honors portfolio by formally acknowledging student-level service and engagement, distinct from research-focused recognition.
- Established two standing Committees to expand ICSA educational programs: Webinar Committee, and Mentor/Mentee Program Committee.
- ICSA communications: You may notice that the ICSA has information delivered through the ICSA website (www.ICSA.org), member email List, and social media channels (X@ICSA_Statistics, Youtube@ICSA_Statistics, Youtube@ICSA-Webinar, Linked-in/company/international-chinese-statistical-association, Linked-in/company/ICSA-Webinar, etc.)
- Call for Future ICSA Activities
 - JSM 2027 ICSA-sponsored invited session proposals: Hongjian Zhu (hongjian.zhu@systimmune.com)
 - Invited session proposals for ICSA 2027 Applied Statistics Symposium: Guan Yu (guy24@pitt.edu) and Lu Tang (lutang@pitt.edu)
 - Invited session proposals for ICSA 2027 China Conference: Linjun Zhang (lz412@stat.rutgers.edu)
 - ICSA Webinars: Qing Yang (qing.yang@duke.edu), Deli Wang (wangdeli@gmail.com)
 - and slides are available in this link: <https://www.icsa.org/webinars/past-webinars/>
 - Mentor/Mentee Program: Yushi Liu (liu_yushi@lilly.com), Hanfei Xu (hanfei.xu@lilly.com)
 - ICSA sponsored events: Xiaowu Dai (dai@stat.ucla.edu), Rui Feng (ruifeng@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)
 - ICSA 2027 Award nominations: Haitao Chu (haitao.chu@pfizer.com)
 - ICSA 2027 Election nominations: Hongjian Zhu (hongjian.zhu@systimmune.com)
 - IT volunteers: Chengsheng Jiang (website@icsa.org)



Call for “Springer Book on ML/Deep Learning/AI in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics”

Professors Yichuan Zhao, Xiao Wang, and Ding-Geng Chen invite submissions for a new Springer book on machine learning, deep learning, AI, biostatistics, and bioinformatics, covering new methods, theories, and applications across these areas. All submissions will be peer-reviewed, with final acceptance decided by the co-editors.

- 1) Indicate your intent of submission **by September 30, 2026**, with a tentative title of the paper (you can change the title later), your name (first, middle and last), and your affiliation. Please email this information to Yichuan Zhao at yichuan@gsu.edu.
- 2) Submit your full manuscript by **December 31, 2026**; decisions will be announced by **June 30, 2027**.
- 3) The book is expected to be published by **December 31, 2027**.

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Ding-Geng Chen, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Email: Ding-Geng.Chen@asu.edu

International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science (IDWSDS) (October 6, 2026)

The fifth annual International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science (IDWSDS) will take place virtually on October 6, 2026. This free, 24-hour global conference showcases women's contributions to statistics and data science and brings together statisticians, data scientists, researchers, educators, professionals, and students from around the world. This year's theme, “Creating Global Connections,” highlights the relationships and international collaborations that strengthen the global statistics and data-science community. Everyone is welcome to participate. Learn more and register at <https://www.idwsds.org/>. Free registration ends on September 28th.



The 8th International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics (October 13 - 16, 2026)

The 8th International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics will be in Madrid, Spain (<https://isbiostat.org/>) on October 13-16, 2026. This is the main conference organized by the International Society for Biopharmaceutical Statistics (ISBS). ICSA will be co-sponsoring this symposium.

This scientific conference will convene statisticians and quantitative scientists to explore cutting-edge methodologies and their application across the entire biomedical product lifecycle, with a theme of Evidence Insights – Statistical Innovation, Regulatory Science, and the Transformative Impact of AI in Biopharma. Join us to address key challenges and opportunities in biomedical product development and post-approval management within the modern regulatory landscape.

The symposium will begin with short courses, followed by a three-day main conference. The program is designed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange through:

- Scientific Sessions
- Interactive Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Networking Events

This symposium provides an excellent opportunity to present your research, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and connect with a global community of peers. You may contact Dr. Ying Lu (ylu1@stanford.edu) or <https://isbiostat.org/announcement-2/> for more information.

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) or Wen Zhou (wz3030@nyu.edu)
- **Short course proposals:** Giles Hooker (ghooker@wharton.upenn.edu)



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- **Student paper or poster judges:** Nathaniel Sean O'Connell (Nathaniel.Oconnell@wfusm.edu)
- **Sponsorship inquiries:** Jaime Speiser (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/>

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) with a brief introduction about themselves and the award.

Congratulations to the 2026 ICSA Award Winners!

ICSA is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2026 ICSA Awards. Please join us in congratulating the following honorees on these well-deserved recognitions:

Outstanding Young Researcher Award

Yixin Wang, PhD, University of Michigan



For outstanding contributions to Bayesian statistics, probabilistic generative modeling, and causal machine learning, with applications in biology, recommender systems, and natural language processing. Email: yixinw@umich.edu

Outstanding Service Award

Xun Chen, PhD, AbbVie



For outstanding leadership to the ICSA, most notably during her presidency (2023–2025), where she expanded global outreach, launched multiple impactful initiatives



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to broaden industry outreach, and significantly strengthened the society's visibility and membership in industry. Email: xun.chen@abbvie.com

Distinguished Achievement Award

Annie Qu, PhD, University of California, Irvine

For outstanding contributions to statistical methodology and the foundations of data science, including pioneering work on heterogeneous data integration, representation learning, and individualized decision-making; for advancing the interface between statistics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence with impactful applications in mobile health and biomedical sciences; and for distinguished leadership in shaping the global statistical community. Email: aqu2@uci.edu

Catalyst for Impact Award

Weili He, PhD, AbbVie



For outstanding contributions to biostatistics and biopharmaceutical sciences, exemplified by pioneering advances in real-world evidence, health technology assessment, adaptive trial methodologies, and benefit-risk assessment, as well as sustained leadership, external service, and mentorship that have helped advance innovation and collaboration across the field. Email: weili.he@abbvie.com

President's Citation

China Conference

Yuanjia Wang, Ph.D., Columbia University



In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2025 China Conference.

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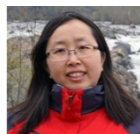
Symposium

Xiaojing Wang, Ph.D., University of Connecticut



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Dacheng Liu, Ph.D., Boehringer-Ingelheim



In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2025 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium. [Email: dacheng.liu@boehringer-ingelheim.com](mailto:dacheng.liu@boehringer-ingelheim.com)

International Conference

Ying Zhang, Ph.D., University of Nebraska



In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for the ICSA International Conference.

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Xinping Cui, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside



In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for the ICSA International Conference.

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Junior Researcher Award

Changxiao Cai, University of Michigan

Title: Minimax Optimality of the Probability Flow Ode for Diffusion Models

Xiaoyu Hu, Xi'an Jiaotong University

Title: Neural Wasserstein Two-Sample Tests

Yichen Lou, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Title: Transfer Learning Estimation of the Accelerated Failure Time Model Based on High-Dimensional Data



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Zhimei Ren, University of Pennsylvania

Title: Boosting e-BH via conditional calibration

Yuxin Tao, Southern University of Science and Technology

Title: Homogeneity Pursuit in Ranking Inference Based on Pairwise Comparison

Yuchen Zhou, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: Heteroskedastic Tensor Clustering

Please join us in congratulating them on these well-deserved recognitions of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences and to the ICSA community!

Congratulations to Weijie Su and Fan Li on Winning 2026 COPSS Awards!

The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) has announced its 2026 award winners. We are delighted to congratulate ICSA member Weijie Su, University of Pennsylvania, on receiving the 2026 COPSS Presidents' Award, one of the highest honors in the field of statistics, and ICSA member Fan Li, Yale School of Public Health, on receiving the 2026 COPSS Emerging Leader Award.

Please join us in congratulating them on this well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [2026 COPSS Presidents' Award](#) & [2026 COPSS Emerging Leader Award](#).

Congratulations to ICSA Members Elected as 2026 ASA Fellows!

The American Statistical Association has elected its 2026 class of Fellows. We are delighted to congratulate the following ICSA members on this distinguished honor:

Dehan Kong, University of Toronto

Jingyi Jessica Li, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center



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Jingyi Liu, Eli Lilly and Company

Weijie Su, University of Pennsylvania

Gongjun Xu, University of Michigan

Yanxun Xu, Johns Hopkins University

Shu Yang, North Carolina State University

Binbing Yu, AstraZeneca

Anru Zhang, Duke University

Hui Zhang, Northwestern University

Jiwei Zhao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Yingqi Zhao, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Please join us in congratulating all of them on this well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [ASA Recognizes 2026 Founders and Fellows](#).

Congratulations to ICSA Members Elected as 2026 IMS Fellows!

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics has announced its 2026 class of Fellows. We are pleased to congratulate the following ICSA members on this distinguished honor:

Yong Chen, University of Pennsylvania

Yuxin Chen, University of Pennsylvania

Peng Ding, University of California, Berkeley

Hsin-Cheng Huang, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Jian Kang, University of Michigan

Bo Li, Washington University in St. Louis

Sharon-Lise Teresa Normand, Harvard Medical School



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Junhui Wang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Please join us in congratulating all of them on this well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [Congratulations to the 2026 Class of IMS Fellows](#).

Congratulations to Tze-san Lee on Having Three Books!

1. College Algebra: Historical Notes, 2015, Applied Math Press
2. Medical Statistics: A Practical Approach, 2021, Scientific Publishing Company in Singapore
3. Misclassification in Epidemiology, June 2026, Springer in the US

Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals

ICSA Sponsored Journals **Statistics in Biosciences**

The published new issue is Volume 18 Issue 2 in June 2026

[Statistics in Biosciences | Volume 18, issue 2 \(springer.com\)](#)

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



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at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. The new issue ([Volume 36 Number 3, July 2026 \(sinica.edu.tw\)](#)) is published.

There are three special online issues for your reference:

[Vol. 36 Online Special Issue II, July 2026](#): High Dimensional Learning and Inference

[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.

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) and Dr. Yichuan Zhao (yichuan@gsu.edu).

Big Data Analytics in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

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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

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).

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) for the details.

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



Obituary

In Memoriam: Dr. Min-Te Chao (1938–2026), A Life Dedicated to Statistics and Scholarly Community Founding



The International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) joins the statistical community in mourning Professor Min-Te Chao, founding director of the Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, who passed away peacefully at home on August 15, 2026, at the age of 88.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Professor Chao devoted his career to statistical research, institution building, scholarly publishing, and mentoring younger generations. His legacy holds special meaning for ICSA through *Statistica Sinica*, the international journal jointly published by ICSA and the Institute. He conceived both its Chinese and English titles, leaving a lasting connection to this shared scholarly endeavor. He also founded the *Journal of Data Science* in 2003 and served as its editor-in-chief for eight years.

We remember Professor Chao with gratitude for his vision, intellectual generosity, and dedication to the statistical community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students. His commitment to open inquiry, mentorship, and scholarly exchange will continue to inspire future generations.

ICSA Social Media Sites

X: https://x.com/ICSA_Statistics

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar>,
https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA_statistics

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



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.

More Information

Please visit our association website for more resources at <https://www.icsa.org>

Past webinar recordings are available at <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar> including:

- ☐ Statistics in Everyone's Backyard: AI, Workflows, and New Opportunities (September 2026) by Tian Zheng, chaired by Wen Zhou.
- ☐ From Insight to Impact: How Statisticians Lead and Influence Across the Organization (June 2026): panelists: Jeen Liu & Jianchang Lin, facilitator: Helena Fan.
- ☐ A Practical Overview for Statistician by Qi Xia (May 2026), chaired by Deli Wang
- ☐ 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.

Looking for an in-person mentoring opportunity? See the [ICSA Mentor-Mentee Program Fall Social \(October 3, 2026\) under Highlights](#).

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)



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- 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

Assistant Professor in Optimization and Operations Research / Statistics and Data Science / Financial Mathematics / Engineering and Computational Mathematics / Mathematical Science / Actuarial Science (Ref. 260713005), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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The appointees will be required to:

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- (c) engage in scholarly research, consultancy and other scholarly activities leading to publications in top-tier refereed journals and award of research grants;
- (d) undertake academic and departmental administrative duties; and
- (e) perform any other duties as assigned by the Head of the Department or his delegates.

Qualifications

Applicants should:

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- (b) have expertise in applied statistics, operation research or mathematics;
- (c) have an established track record in research and scholarship, including refereed publications and external grant applications;
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Application

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