The Division of Biostatistics, School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota is announcing an opening for a tenured/tenure-track associate or full professor to serve as the Associate Director of the Coordinating Centers for Biometric Research (CCBR). Applicants must have a PhD in biostatistics, statistics, or a related discipline. Appointment as a tenured associate or full professor is dependent upon the candidate’s clear and demonstrable evidence of sustained success in scholarly activities including: strong publication record, track-record of obtaining external funding, and successful experience teaching graduate-level courses on statistical methods and applications. The successful candidate will partner with the Director of the CCBR to determine strategic priorities for the CCBR and is expected to take a leadership role in coordinating large, multi-center clinical trials and observational studies. It is expected that the candidate have a track-record of high-impact collaborative research, ideally including experience with multi-center clinical research, and a history of external funding from NIH or other sources. The successful candidate will also participate in the Division’s teaching program through classroom instruction and advising graduate students, and serve on division and school level committees.

We are strongly committed to recruiting, mentoring, and retaining faculty with a diversity of experiences and support the advancement of the School of Public Health’s recently adopted Strategic Plan for Antiracism (https://www.sph.umn.edu/about/diversity-inclusion/strategy-planning/). We recognize that scholars from historically disadvantaged groups may not have had the same access to opportunities and may have faced substantial barriers on their academic journey, and hence we are committed to carrying out a holistic evaluation of all applicants for the position.

The CCBR (http://ccbr.biostat.umn.edu/), within the Division of Biostatistics, currently employs over 45 staff, focusing on the design and implementation of multi-center clinical trials and observational studies. The CCBR has been a global leader in the design and conduct of clinical trials for the last half century; prominent studies coordinated by the CCBR include the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial (MRFIT), Lung Health Studies I, II, and III, and PREVAIL I. Faculty at the CCBR have also provided leadership for several clinical trials networks, such as the International Network for Strategic Initiatives in Global HIV Trials (INSIGHT) and the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Clinical Research Network (COPD-CRN). Currently, the CCBR is actively engaged in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, most prominently through serving as the global coordinating center of the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines-3 (ACTIV-3/TICO) initiative, as well as several other multi-center, randomized controlled trials to evaluate potential treatments for COVID-19. Other research networks currently led by CCBR faculty address topics in women’s health (PLUS) and global health inequities (Bloodsafe).

The Division of Biostatistics (www.sph.umn.edu/biostatistics) currently includes 35 faculty members and over 50 staff. Faculty regularly publish in the top methodological journals across all major research areas, including causal inference, clinical trials, statistical genetics and bioinformatics including genomics and proteomics, analysis of spatial and longitudinal data, biomedical imaging, survival analysis, meta-analysis and data synthesis, and mobile health. Division faculty are also active in a wide range of collaborative research projects including high-profile studies of cancer, cardiovascular disease, COVID-19, dentistry and periodontology, psychiatry/psychology, transplantation, chronic and neurodegenerative diseases, and tobacco control. Division of Biostatistics faculty have biostatistical leadership roles in major collaborative initiatives, including the Biostatistical Design and Analysis Center (BDAC; https://ctsi.umn.edu/services/statistical-support/biostatistical-support) of the Clinical & Translational Science Institute, the Biostatistics Core of the Masonic Cancer Center (https://ccgg.umn.edu/for-researchers/shared-resources/biostatistics), and the Analytics Core of the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain (https://midb.umn.edu/research/analytics-core).
The Division offers MS and PhD degrees in Biostatistics and a MPH in Public Health Data Science, with a current enrollment of 111 graduate students (52 Doctoral, 59 Masters). Students come to our programs from top undergraduate and graduate institutions across the U.S. and around the world, attracted by the quality of our faculty, a reasonable student-faculty ratio, our dedication to student success, and the modest cost of living in the Twin Cities. Division students regularly win prestigious student paper awards at top national and international conferences; approximately half pursue careers in academia, and half choose paths in private industry and government.

The Division of Biostatistics is located on the main University of Minnesota campus, which straddles the Mississippi River and is centrally located in Minneapolis. Campus is served by plentiful public transportation, including a light rail line stop across the street from Division offices. On-campus parking is also readily available on a contract or daily fee basis. The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul offer all the usual amenities of a major metropolitan area; one notable highlight is the urban parks system, which has frequently been ranked #1 in the nation. Livable neighborhoods are diverse and widespread, and housing prices remain moderate compared to other similarly sized metro areas. The salary range for these positions will be very competitive, and the University of Minnesota offers excellent fringe benefits.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, and the names of at least three references online at https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/ext/351301. In their cover letter (maximum of 3 single spaced pages), applicants should address their qualifications for the position, and are also encouraged to comment on how they can contribute to a diverse and inclusive environment in the Division of Biostatistics. Other questions regarding this position can be directed to biostats@umn.edu. Please reference Job ID: 351301. Applications received on or before November 28, 2022, will be given first consideration for an interview; however, we will continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.