IRSA Faragher Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship

About the Job

The School of Statistics and the Institute for Research in Statistics and Its Applications (IRSA) at the University of Minnesota invites applications for the IRSA Faragher Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship. This endowed fellowship seeks to bring exceptional scientists of outstanding potential to the university. This two year fellowship, with no teaching or service obligations, is to begin on August 28, 2023. The Fellow will hold the rank of postdoctoral research scientist. A competitive annual salary will be supplemented with generous funding for relocation, conference travel, and research support.

Applications in all areas of statistics or related data sciences will be considered: the primary selection criterion will be the candidates’ exceptional promise to produce high quality and visible research. Fellows will be expected to pursue a vigorous research agenda and to participate actively in the intellectual life of the school.

The school, like the university itself, is an extraordinarily vibrant academic community. We are especially interested in candidates who will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Qualifications

Ph.D. in statistics or a related data science field by the date of appointment is required, as is a commitment to high quality research in statistics or data science.

About the School

The School of Statistics is a leading center of statistical practice, education, and research. There are currently 17 full-time faculty members and one joint faculty member with the Department of Psychology with research interests ranging from foundational statistics and data science theory and methods development to interdisciplinary applications in clinical trials, climate science, neuroimaging, psychometrics, high-energy physics, and astrostatistics, among others.

The school offers B.A., B.S., M.S., and Ph. D. degree programs, and has approximately 145 undergraduate majors, 165 minors, and approximately 104 graduate students including 50 Ph.D. students. Many of the school’s faculty members are affiliated with the M.S. in Data Science degree program. The school also directs the Institute for Research on Statistics and its Applications, which facilitates interdisciplinary research involving statistics and data science.

The department is strongly committed to diversity and to providing a productive and supportive environment for all faculty, staff, and students.
For more information, please visit the school’s website, [https://cla.umn.edu/statistics](https://cla.umn.edu/statistics).

**About the College of Liberal Arts**

Home to the arts, social science and humanities disciplines and programs, the College of Liberal Arts comprises 31 academic departments, and over 20 interdisciplinary research centers and administrative/support units. CLA has over 1200 faculty and staff spanning research, teaching, advising, outreach, and administrative functions. CLA units reside in over twenty buildings on the East Bank and West Bank of the Twin Cities campus. CLA enrolls nearly 14,000 undergraduate students, half of the undergraduate enrollment on the Twin Cities campus, and over 1,600 graduate students and has an annual all-funds budget of over $250 million.

CLA is a destination for curious, compassionate individuals who are committed to making our increasingly interdependent and diverse global community work for everyone. That foundational commitment begins in our CLA Constitution. CLA is committed to increasing enrollment of underrepresented and under-resourced students, diversifying our faculty across all disciplines, recruiting, and retaining a diverse staff, and promoting the expression and exploration of diverse perspectives and viewpoints—so that we all gain the background knowledge and analytical skills we need to understand and respect differences.

[ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in CLA](https://cla.umn.edu/about/diversity-equity-inclusion-cla)

**Working in CLA**

**Benefits**

**Working at the University**

At the University of Minnesota, you’ll find a flexible work environment and supportive colleagues who are interested in lifelong learning. We prioritize work-life balance, allowing you to invest in the future of your career and in your life outside of work.

The University also offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes:

- Competitive wages, paid holidays, and generous time off
- Continuous learning opportunities through professional training and degree-seeking programs supported by the [Regents Scholarship](https://cla.umn.edu/about/regents-scholarship)
- Low-cost medical, dental, and pharmacy plans
- Healthcare and dependent care flexible spending accounts
- University HSA contributions
- Disability and employer-paid life insurance
- Employee wellbeing program
- Excellent retirement plans with employer contribution
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) opportunity
- Financial counseling services
- Employee Assistance Program with eight sessions of counseling at no cost

Please visit the Office of Human Resources website for more information regarding benefits.

**How to Apply**

To be considered for a position, submit your application online. Go to [https://humanresources.umn.edu/content/find-job](https://humanresources.umn.edu/content/find-job) and search for job ID 351577. Select the position, click on "Apply," and follow the instructions. You will be given an opportunity to complete an online application, attach a cover letter and curriculum vitae, and provide writing samples.

Additional documents must be attached by accessing your “My Job Applications” page, and can be attached after submission of the application by exiting and re-entering the Job Center, accessing your “My Job Applications” page (in the top list of hyperlinks), and uploading documents there.

The following materials must be attached to your online application: 1) cover letter, 2) curriculum vitae, and 3) research statement. You may optionally provide: 4) teaching statement, 5) diversity statement, and 6) a sample of your scholarly written work representing your disciplinary focus. In addition to the materials submitted online, please arrange for THREE letters of recommendation to be sent directly to StatsOffice@umn.edu.

Application review will begin February 1, 2023. We will continue to review applications until the position is filled. Additional materials may be requested from applicants at a later date.

Please refer questions to the School of Statistics, 612-625-8046. For questions about the application system, please e-mail employ@umn.edu or call (612) 624-UOHR (8647).

**Diversity**

The University recognizes and values the importance of diversity and inclusion in enriching the employment experience of its employees and in supporting the academic mission. The University is committed to attracting and retaining employees with varying identities and backgrounds.

The University of Minnesota provides equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. To learn more about diversity at the U: [http://diversity.umn.edu](http://diversity.umn.edu).
Employment Requirements

Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Our presumption is that prospective employees are eligible to work here. Criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify finalists from employment.

Please note: All employees at the University of Minnesota are required to comply with the University’s Administrative Policy: COVID-19 Vaccination and Safety Protocol by either providing proof of being fully vaccinated on their first day of employment, or complete a request for an exemption for medical exemption or religious reasons. To learn more please visit: https://safe-campus.umn.edu/return-campus/get-the-vax

About the U of M

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (UMTC), is among the largest public research universities in the country, offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional students a multitude of opportunities for study and research. Located at the heart of one of the nation's most vibrant, diverse metropolitan communities, students on the campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul benefit from extensive partnerships with world-renowned health centers, international corporations, government agencies, and arts, nonprofit, and public service organizations.