

Upcoming Events

EDGE Program

(Enhancing Diversity through Graduate Education)
 Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
 June 6– July 2, 2016

ASTRO: Opening Workshop

Hamner Conference Center
 in Research Triangle Park
 August 22, 2016

Optimization Program Summer School

Research Triangle Park, NC
 August 8-12, 2016

StatFest 2016

Howard University
 Washington DC
 September 24, 2016

Field of Dreams Conference

St. Louis, MO
 November 4-6, 2016

Mathematical Biosciences Institute

The Mathematical Biosciences Institute (<http://mbi.osu.edu>) is hosting an end-of-summer Capstone Conference from August 8-12 which is an opportunity for our REU students to share the results of their research projects on the national stage. This student centered conference will feature oral and poster presentations by REU students, a graduate studies recruitment fair, panels on career and graduate school opportunities in mathematical biology, keynote talks geared toward student interests in mathematical biology, an opening reception, and a mid-week social event.

The application form and further event details (once available) are located at: <https://mbi.osu.edu/event/?id=1029>

MAA Mathfest

MAA MathFest 2016 will be in Columbus, Ohio, August 3-6, 2016.

The annual summer meeting of the Mathematical Association of America is the largest summertime gathering of mathematicians. MAA MathFest 2016 will officially open with the Grand Opening Reception on Wednesday, August 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the evening before the scientific program commences on Thursday morning.

The reception will take place in the exhibit hall and all registered participants and guests are welcome to attend. MAA MathFest will conclude on Saturday evening with a Closing Banquet, to which all attendees are invited (advance registration and tickets required).

See their website for more information: <http://www.maa.org/meetings/mathfest>

Mathematics Department at Cal State Northridge Receives AMS Exemplary Program Award

Congratulations to the Department of Mathematics at California State University Northridge (CSUN) on being the 2016 recipient of the AMS Award for an Exemplary Program or Achievement in a Mathematics Department! The CSUN department is honored for its creation of the PUMP program (Preparing Undergraduates through Mentoring towards PhDs) and its successor, the CSU Alliance for PUMP, which encompasses other campuses in the California State University system.

Aloysius Helminck of North Carolina State University, who served as chair of the award selection committee, said, “The PUMP program has a tremendous impact on getting and keeping students from underrepresented groups in mathematics. The program started at CSUN and now includes 10 California State University campuses. PUMP takes students early in their college careers and gives them a summer boot camp in math, followed by research opportunities in the academic year. Students receive mentoring and are connected to the broader mathematical community by attending conferences. Most of them continue to graduate programs. The success of PUMP is due in large measure to the vision and dedication of its leadership. The program is highly deserving of this prestigious award.” [Click here to read the full announcement of the AMS award.](#)



2016 Joint Statistical Meetings Diversity Workshop and Mentoring Program

Workshop: July 31; Mentoring: August 1 – 3, 2016
Chicago, Illinois



The JSM Diversity Workshop and Mentoring Program brings minority (African/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American) statisticians at early to mid-career levels (i.e., undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, junior professionals, and faculty) together with senior-level statisticians and faculty in academia, government, and the private sector in a structured program at the annual Joint Statistical Meetings. The Workshop will provide interactive sessions focused on soft skills development for career success for statisticians at all early- to mid-career levels. In addition, a small group of interested applicants will be selected to participate in our annual mentoring program, which features small group discussions and one-on-one meetings of mentor-protégé pairs during the conference.

Information and Application Form: <http://community.amstat.org/cmis/events/dmp>

Interested statistics students/professionals are encouraged to apply/register on or before **July 1**.

- **Workshop + Mentoring:** Priority deadline for travel funding consideration and mentor matching is **May 15**.

- **Workshop only:** Priority deadline for travel funding consideration is **June 1**.

Applications received after these dates may be considered if additional slots are available.

This program is sponsored by the American Statistical Association's Committee on Minorities in Statistics



Still Accepting Nominations for the 2016 Facilitated Graduate Applications Process (FGAP)



The Facilitated Graduate Applications Process (FGAP) is an Alliance program that provides undergraduate seniors and master's students with the advice and assistance needed to begin the application process as they apply to graduate programs. FGAP will help students choose departments that are most appropriate to their goals and aspirations. The Alliance Community will work with the student as they prepare their applications to graduate programs and will assist in tracking the progress of their applications through the admissions process. The Alliance Community will assist in maximizing the chances that Alliance Scholars will be admitted, with support, to a department or

program where they will thrive.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2016 FGAP program. If you know of a senior or master's student who will be graduating in the Spring of 2017 and will be applying to graduate programs for Fall 2017 please send Miles (miles-dietz@uiowa.edu) an email nominating them for this process. We will pair each eligible student with one of our Doctoral Alliance Mentors who will work with the students local mentor to create a mentoring team that will aid in the application process.

"FGAP has substantially helped me in finding the right programs to which I should apply."



"The FGAP program is excellent! My facilitator assisted and encouraged me at every stage of the application process."



"The attention and help that I receive of my FGAP facilitator was outstanding. The tips given by him to improve my Personal Statement, CV and others application materials were phenomenal."

