Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Data Science
Simon Fraser University

The Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a full-time tenure-track appointment in Data Science at the Assistant Professor rank to commence September 1, 2020 (flexible). Any areas of expertise will be considered, but among the areas of particular interest are: big data, statistical/machine learning, computational statistics, image and text processing, industrial applications, causal inference, spatial statistics, data visualization, uncertainty quantification, and high-dimensional statistics.

Candidates must have a PhD in Statistics or a closely related field, outstanding research record or potential, and evidence of excellence in teaching. We encourage applications from candidates who will engage in collaboration with other scientists who have data and/or work in related research areas. Candidates must also have excellent interpersonal, computational, and communication skills.

The primary responsibilities of the position include developing and maintaining an active, externally funded research program; teaching a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses in our department; and participating in departmental, university, and professional service. The successful candidate will also be expected to supervise students in our Master's and PhD programs.

The application must include a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in the position, a full curriculum vitae, a concise description of research area and program, a brief description of teaching experience and philosophy, and the names and addresses of four references. Applications should be submitted to the department Chair, Dr. Tim Swartz, care of the Chair's Secretary, Kelly Jay, at stchsec@sfu.ca. Candidates should arrange to have the reference letters submitted directly to the same address on their behalf. Questions about the position can be directed to the same address. Screening of applicants will commence on January 1, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

The Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science is comprised of 18 continuing faculty members in Statistics, and five in Actuarial Science. The department is recognized internationally for its academic excellence and is the new permanent home of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI).
Simon Fraser University’s main campus is located in Burnaby, BC, a suburb of Vancouver. The campus sits atop a forested mountain in a region renowned for its scenic beauty. The metropolitan area offers tremendous opportunity for outdoor activities, as well as cultural diversity. Vancouver is perennially listed among the world’s most livable cities.

The position is subject to budgetary approval.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

SFU is an equity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university.

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