



Bernoulli Society
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Web-based mentoring for Ph.D students in statistics at Universities in developing countries

Welcome to the international web-based tutoring programme for Ph.D students in statistics at universities in developing countries. This new networking instrument is organised by the International Statistical Institute and the Bernoulli Society and is based in Norway.

Statistical communities, academic and governmental, are growing in many developing countries, and statisticians play key roles in production, decision and government, from health to agriculture, from business to energy, from transport to education. But resources and infrastructure are still incomplete. This mentoring programme is based on volunteering senior statisticians, from all over the world, who act as mentors over the internet for Ph.D students in the developing countries, in particular in Africa and Asia. We shall use the internet to create a network of support and mentoring, at individual level, for Ph.D students in statistics.

As a Ph.D student in statistics, probability and their applications, you can join the mentoring programme for free. Visit the web site <http://statmentoring.nr.no> and fill out the registration form (also here: http://statmentoring.nr.no/statmentoring/index.php/Student_forms). We will identify the best mentor for you, taking into account language, area of research, gender and more. Your tutor will typically be a professor or senior professional statistician (or probabilist) at a university in Europe, America or Australia. You and your tutor will have contact via email. This programme is not able to provide funding for travel and therefore mentoring is at distance. Mentoring means:

- Providing access to scientific material (papers, chapters of books, preprints etc), that the tutor can email or send by post.
- Help accessing scientific software.
- Suggesting appropriate reading, on the web or in print.
- Suggesting journals to which the student could submit her/his papers.
- Suggesting to attend conferences, summer schools, workshop.
- Help in preparing presentations.
- Discussing jobs and career opportunities after the PhD, help in writing the CV.
- Occasionally, help solving problems related to the thesis, in collaboration with the supervisor. Important: the mentor has no responsibilities with respect to the progression of the studies of the student. Mentoring does not mean supervision.

This mentoring programme is run by member of the ISI and BS based in Oslo, Norway, including Professor Magne Aldrin and Professor Arnaldo Frigessi. You can email them at statmentoring@nr.no.

To register as Ph.D student visit the web site <http://statmentoring.nr.no> ! Welcome!

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