Emergency Posting

FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Teaching Assistant – CUPE 3902, Unit 1

September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

STA257H1F L0101 & L0201 - Probability and Statistics I – Lead TA

This course deals with the mathematical aspects of some of the topics discussed in STA220H1. Topics include discrete and continuous probability distributions, conditional probability, expectation, sampling distributions, estimation and testing, the linear model.

Qualifications

Required:

- Current PhD student familiar with statistics and with significant experience in research writing and/or consulting. Does not have to be enrolled in a Statistics program.
- At least two years' experience as a course TA, whether leading tutorials, labs, or in-class instruction; or grading
- Excellent oral and interpersonal skills, particularly the ability to work effectively with and show tact when communicating with course instructors and TAs
- Strong administrative skills, including scheduling meetings and planning, time management, meeting multiple deadlines, and documenting work
- Able to prioritize tasks
- Strong facilitation and presentation skills and/or experience leading workshops
- Intercultural competence, especially an understanding of the issues faced by multilingual and international students
- Evidence of writing competence in their discipline.
    - Applicants must submit a writing sample, appended to the end of their CV.
    - The writing sample should provide evidence of writing and communication skills, and not be technical in nature (e.g. journal or journal-like paper for your respective discipline would not be appropriate).
    - Personal or academic writing sample are acceptable, provided they meet the criterion above.
    - Writing sample should not exceed 5 pages in length (single-spaced, size 12 font). No minimum length.

Relevant Criterion

Previous experience is the more relevant criterion than the need to acquire experience in respect of this posted position.

Duties

Duties are in person unless otherwise indicated and will include any or all of the following:

As part of the English Language Learning (ELL) Initiative in Arts and Science, the Lead TA will work with the ELL Coordinators to support Course Instructors and train course TAs in STA257H1. The LTA will perform the following duties:

- Participate in selected relevant group training and peer mentoring sessions with the WIT and ELL program
- Meet regularly with ELL coordinator for 1:1 training, assistance with integrating language and writing support, and reporting on progress
- Meet regularly with course instructors to plan course assignments and tutorials
Design and lead training sessions for course TAs on topics such as marking assignments and presentations, as well as planning tutorial activities integrating STA257H1 course content to scholarly reading, professional writing, oral presentation, discussion skills, and intercultural communication.

- Develop and/or adapt existing resources on reading, oral presentation, and writing instruction for course instructors, TAs, and students.
- Communicate regularly with course instructors, ELL coordinators, and others to coordinate activities.
- Collect and summarize data (e.g., surveys, student writing samples, etc.).

**Duties of this position shall be performed on the St. George Campus.**

**Instructor:** Jeff Rosenthal

**Estimated Course Enrolment:** 465 students

**Meeting Schedule:**
- **Lectures:** L0101 Monday: 11AM – 12PM & Wednesday: 11AM – 1PM (tentative) & L0201 Monday: 3PM – 4PM & Wednesday: 3PM – 5PM (tentative)
- **Tutorials:** L0101 Monday: 12PM – 1PM (tentative) & L0201 Monday: 4PM – 5PM (tentative)

**Approximate Hours of Work:** 60 hours

**Approximate Number of Positions:** 1

**Rate of Pay:** UG/SGS I/I - $47.64/hour (+4% vacation pay)

**Application Process**

Application information is available at [https://www.statistics.utoronto.ca/employment-opportunities/cupe-positions-unit-1](https://www.statistics.utoronto.ca/employment-opportunities/cupe-positions-unit-1). The deadline to submit your application is **August 15, 2023**. For more information, you may contact:

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The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement.

The position(s) posted above is (are) tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolments.

Positions posted here are open to Graduate Students in the School of Graduate Studies, Postdoctoral Fellows and Undergraduate Students in the University of Toronto.

Preference in hiring shall be given to Graduate Students enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Toronto or those who have made application to be enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Toronto.