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## **Regular Posting**

# FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE Teaching Assistant – CUPE 3902, Unit 1 July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024

# STA314H1S L0101 – Statistical Methods for Machine Learning I

Statistical methods for supervised and unsupervised learning from data: training error, test error and crossvalidation; classification, regression, and logistic regression; principal components analysis; stochastic gradient descent; decision trees and random forests; k-means clustering and nearest neighbour methods. Computational tutorials will support the efficient application of these methods.

Delivery Mode: In person

## Qualifications

Required:

- Foundations and experience in performing regression and classification methods, such as linear regression and logistic regression
- Must demonstrate to have successfully completed courses in linear algebra and multivariate calculus
- Experienced in performing statistical analyses in R and/or Python

#### Preferred:

- Previous teaching experience in STA314 or similar
- Experienced in providing constructive written feedback
- Experienced in using R Markdown and/or LaTeX
- Good oral communication skills

## **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:

Preparation for classes, preparation of written or audio-visual materials, designing and maintaining course websites, attending lectures, running tutorial sessions, facilitating and evaluating student engagement on online discussion boards, participating in training sessions, meeting with the instructors, teaching, leading discussions, and supervising laboratories, rating students' work, holding office hours, consulting with students (including electronic consultation), writing and grading tests, examinations and lab sets, grading essays and term papers, invigilating midterm and final exams, setting up experiments, conducting field trips, and conferring with the supervisor in charge, as required by the employee's teaching duties.

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

Instructor:	ТВА
Estimated Course Enrolment:	100 Students
Meeting Schedule:	Lectures: FR 14:00 - 17:00 (tentative)
	Tutorials: FR: 13:00 - 14:00 (2 Tutorials x 50 Cap) (tentative)
Approximate Number of TA Hours:	100 hrs (per position)
Approximate Number of Positions:	2
Rate of Pay:	UG/SGS I/II - \$47.64/hour (+4% vacation pay)



# **Application Process**

Application information is available at <u>https://www.statistics.utoronto.ca/employment-opportunities/cupe-positions-unit-1</u>. The deadline to submit your application is **April 4, 2024**. For more information, you may contact:

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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.