The Department of Biostatistics welcomes you to the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. We look forward to meeting you in the fall term.

In addition to the information you will be receiving from the Fielding School of Public Health Student Services Office and Graduate Division, here are additional items to help guide you prior to your arrival on campus. Please note that the deadline to apply for a campus parking permit is coming up on **July 20** (see below for more information).

- Academic Calendar
- Biostatistics Courses
- UCLA log on
- **Transportation and Parking** and student parking information

For the most updated schedule of classes and deadline changes [click here.](#)

**Student Orientations**

**Fielding School of Public Health/Biostatistics Department Orientation**

**Date and Location: TBD**

The Fielding School of Public Health Orientation Day for Incoming Students will be in September, and you will be notified via email from FSPH - once the date is finalized. You can also check the [FSPH calendar](#) for updates. Be sure to attend the Orientation as important information will be conveyed to help you acclimate to UCLA. During orientation you will receive your academic advisor assignments and you will receive the Biostatistics Student Handbook. The Biostatistics Student Handbook will be your resource for degree requirements and study list guidance to help you navigate through the department during your time here. Attendance is required! Click here for the [UCLA campus map](#).

In addition to the Fielding School of Public Health and Graduate Division incoming student activities, the Graduate Student Resource Center is sponsoring a general introduction to campus services and offices that are of specific importance to new graduate students.

**New Graduate Student Orientation**

**Friday, September 21, 2018**

For more information and to register, please visit the [Graduate Student Orientation](#) page.

**Entering Graduate Student Welcome Reception**

**TBD** For more information and to RSVP, visit the [UCLA Graduate Division](#) page.
Establishing California Residency for Tuition Purposes (US Citizens and Permanent Residents only):

Domestic students who are not California residents will need to establish residency to avoid assessment of nonresident tuition. In order to establish your residency, certain requirements must be met. Please refer to the Registrar's web page or call the Residence Deputy at (310) 825-3447 for more information on establishing California Residency. This is very important. Otherwise, you may have to pay non-resident tuition during your second year.

Enrollment

Please refer to the Graduate Division Orientation Handbook which contains information on how to register, how to enroll, and how to access UCLA log on. For the most updated enrollment information visit the registrar's web site.

Course Suggestion for Entering Students

MS: Biostatistics 200A, Biostatistics 202A, 203A and/or 4 unit course in Epi course (100, 200A), or Public Health 150, HPM M242.

PhD: Biostatistics 200A, Biostatistics 202A, Biostat Special Topics or Math 131A

MPH: Biostatistics 200A or 100A, 203A, SPH core course*, Biostatistics Special Topic course

*Health Services 100 and/or Environmental Health Science 100

DrPH: Biostatistics M215, Biostatistics 245 (seminar), Biostatistics 250A, and Biostatistics 409 (consulting) or Special Topics Course

Note to PhD Students: Depending on your previous course work and the recommendation of your advisor, your study list may vary.

Waiver Exam for DrPH and MPH Students Only

Please note, the waiver exam is only for MPH and DrPH students who are required to take the 4 SPH core courses: CHS 100, EHS 100, EPI 100, and HS 100. This waiver exam does not apply to Biostatistics students looking to waive out of Biostatistics courses. Please refer to the Course Waiver Exam Handout for information on requirements, schedules and times for the waiver exam.
Info for Incoming Students in the Department of Biostatistics

Registration Fees

Registration fees must be paid prior to each term. Fees can be paid by check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover), or cash. View the Academic Calendar for specific dates. Visit the Graduate Division website for detailed information on the current graduate student fee rates.

BruinCard (Student ID)

BruinCard is the official campus identification for UCLA, and is required for all students, faculty, and staff. Your BruinCard also serves as your library card, recreation card (Wooden Center), door access card, and much, much more! The BruinCard is free to all students. The replacement cost for a lost/stolen card is $23.50. Report lost or stolen cards ASAP online at the BruinCard website; by calling 310-825-2336 or 310-825-4775; by email at bruincard@finance.ucla.edu; or visit a BruinCard Center.

BruinCard Campus location and Hours:

123 Kerckhoff Hall -- 9am - 4pm Monday-Friday

Bruin Online - Email Account

All Biostatistics students are required to have email accounts. Please visit the Bruin Online website to create a new e-mail account. All future department announcements will be distributed via email. For a complete listing of services, software, etc. available via Bruin Online, please visit their web site at http://www.bol.ucla.edu

Transportation and Parking

Parking spaces are limited, please be sure to submit your application by the due date. Please visit the Transportation and Parking website for an application and more information.

Other Means of Transportation

Options include vanpools, carpools, buspools, public transit, bicycles, scooters and motorcycles. The BruinGo! program allows members of the UCLA community to ride the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Culver City Bus at a reduced fare, using their BruinCards. Go Metro program offers discounted quarterly transit passes for Metro bus and rail lines. A comprehensive look at campus transportation options is outlined on the Green Commute Website, brought to you by the UCLA Transportation. For more information call (310) 794-7433 or stop by 555 Westwood Plaza, Room 200.

UCLA Housing
Most graduate students plan their own living arrangements. You can check the [UCLA Community Housing Office](#) and the [Daily Bruin's classifieds](#) for listings. In addition, there are housing listings in the [LA Times](#), [Craigslist](#), and through professional listing services, such as [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com).

**Change of Address**

If your email and/or mailing address changes you must update your contact information at [UCLA log on](#). Please also make sure to contact Roxy Naranjo via email at rlnaranjo@ph.ucla.edu with your address change. It is **EXTREMELY** important that we have your most current addresses. All future announcements will be sent to you via email.

**Fall 2018 Important Academic Dates**

Please visit the [UCLA Academic Calendar](#) for a full list of important due dates and deadlines.

**Highlights**

**Fall Quarter 2018**

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**Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (Foreign Students)**

The Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (DCISS) is located at 417 Charles E. Young Dr. West, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1379, (310) 825-1681. DCISS office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please visit the [DCISS](#) home page for more information. **ALL international students must register for and attend one of the following MANDATORY New Intl Student & Scholars Orientation (NISSO) during the fall quarter at UCLA. These Orientations focus on how, you as an international student must maintain your visa status while at UCLA.**

Please register and plan to attend ONE of the following NISSO Sessions by going to [DCISS](#).
Information for Incoming Students in the Department of Biostatistics

ESL Placement Examination (MANDATORY EXAM for International Students)

You must take the ESL Placement Examination (ESLPE) at UCLA if you are a non-native speaker of English and you are new to the United States. If you are a non-native speaker of English but you are not new to the United States, you may also be required to take the ESLPE (for example: if you were required to submit a TOEFL score when you applied to UCLA, you will need to take the ESLPE.) You should take the ESLPE before the Fall 2018 quarter begins. To register for the exam, visit the ESLPE web page.

ESLPE Schedule for Fall Quarter 2018 will be coming shortly, please visit regularly ESLPE to check. (You must be registered for ESLPE in order to take the exam.)

Useful Links

- Student Housing
- Campus Information
- Graduate Division Orientation Website
- myUCLA
- Campus Map

Student Employment Opportunities

Almost all doctoral students are able to find employment in the form of stipends, fellowships, or employment related to their field (e.g. Special Readers, TA's, Graduate Researchers). Many Master's students are also able to find employment, especially after they have completed their first quarter or if they have completed certain courses (such as Biostat 403A and M403B). Two positions, GSR (Graduate Student Researcher) and SR (Special Reader), may also carry fee remissions from 80% to 90% in addition to the standard salary pay. If you are seeking employment as a SR in the Department of Biostatistics, you should apply at least six weeks before the beginning of the quarter to ensure that you receive full consideration. To apply for SR positions you must complete a Special Reader Application. To apply for GSR positions you must complete a GSR Application (Application for Part Time Employment). Completed applications must be submitted to Roxy Naranjo in 51-254 CHS (Biostatistics Office), via e-mail: rlnaranjo@ph.ucla.edu. Please visit the Biostatistics website to obtain the application for all Student Employment.

You may also apply for positions in any other department on campus by contacting the department representative directly. Please visit the following site for information on campus opportunities: http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/gss/ase/index.html. The Biostatistics Graduate Student Affairs Officer, Roxy Naranjo, will also forward you any emails of job opportunities that
Information for Incoming Students in the Department of Biostatistics

Your applications are kept by the department for only one quarter, so if you are seeking work, make certain to submit a new application for each quarter you wish to work.

Study Cubicles for Biostatistics Students

The Department of Biostatistics is very excited to offer office space rooms for Biostatistics graduate students, A1-228 CHS and A1-227 CHS. Graduate students may use this as study rooms during SPH building hours. Assignments to cubicles are reviewed annually at the beginning of the fall quarter. Students are asked to fill out an application and priority is given to students who do not have other office space within reasonable walking distance of the Fielding School of Public Health. Students who are not assigned a cubicle can use any cubicle as long as the student that is assigned to the cubicle is not using it. Please see Roxy Naranjo during the second week of fall quarter for more information at 51-254A CHS.

Student Mailboxes

Each student has their own mailbox in the Biostatistics Department Main Office – CHS 51-254.

Additional Links:

- Campus Map: http://www.ucla.edu/map
- Bruin Online - Email Account: http://www.bol.ucla.edu/
- UCLA Graduate Division: http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/
- UCLA Graduate Division Orientation Handbook: https://www.grad.ucla.edu/orientation.html
- UCLA Graduate Student Resource Center: http://gsrc.ucla.edu/
- UCLA Graduate Writing Center: http://gsrc.ucla.edu/gwc/
- Student Health Services: http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/default.aspx
- Counseling & Psychological Services: http://www.counseling.ucla.edu/
- CSO Escort & Evening Van Services: https://www.ucpd.ucla.edu/services/community-service-officers-csos/evening-escorts
- FSPH Career Services: http://ph.ucla.edu/current-students/career-development
- Job Search Websites: http://www.career.ucla.edu/Student/Job-Search-Strategies/BruinView-and-Other-Job-Search-Websites
- UCLA Recreation: http://www.recreation.ucla.edu/

Congratulations and welcome to the Fielding School of Public Health!

For questions please email Roxy Naranjo at rlnaranjo@ph.ucla.edu.