

Great Reasons to be a Statistician and Even a Better Time to Encourage Talented Students to Study Statistics!

As members of ISI community, we all know the applicability, relevance and fun of a career in statistics. Recent news stories in the United States celebrate our discipline. Statistician is ranked No. 2 in the recent CareerCast.com report on [The Best Jobs of 2016](#). Related fields are highly valued with Data Scientist (ranked No. 1), Mathematician (No. 6) and Actuary (No. 10). *Fortune* magazine reported the [Best and Worst Graduate Degrees for Jobs in 2016](#). Here, the top two graduate degrees listed for jobs are Master's degree in Biostatistics and Master's degree in Statistics. High satisfaction and strong growth of jobs characterize these degrees. Finally, *Money* magazine reported that making sense of big data is one of [The 21 Most Valuable Career Skills Now](#). It is a great time to encourage young people to study our discipline and to enter our profession.