

Teaching-Oriented Careers in Statistics and Data Science

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Rewarding career opportunities

- Statistics teachers are in high demand
 - High schools, two-year colleges, liberal arts colleges, teaching-oriented universities, research universities
 - Few subjects are taught so often by instructors with so little preparation in the discipline

■ Liberal arts colleges

- ❑ Teaching very valued
- ❑ Curriculum development, pedagogical research often valued
- ❑ Small class sizes
- ❑ Close student-faculty interactions
- ❑ Undergraduate research opportunities
- ❑ More and more emphasis on statistics and data science, statisticians and data scientists

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- Teaching-oriented universities
 - Similar circumstances to liberal arts colleges
 - Perhaps larger class sizes, heavier teaching loads
 - Research universities
 - More and more long-term faculty positions with primary responsibilities in education

Some rewarding aspects

- Interactions with students
- Impact on students
 - Future statisticians, data scientists
 - Future leaders, general public
- Creativity
 - Courses, curriculum
- Educational research
- Statistical consulting, collaboration

Things to consider

- Teaching load
 - Including number of different preparations, class sizes
- Teaching support
 - E.g., graders, technology, ...
- Colleagues, collegiality
- What's expected, what's valued
- Requirements for scholarship, including what “counts”