

Hello Everyone,

We are very happy to announce that UCSB finally has an official ASA (American Statistical Association) Student Chapter: the Santa Barbara Statistics Initiative (SBSI)!

For those unfamiliar, the ASA is the world's largest community of statisticians and data scientists, and the second-oldest continually operating professional association in the country (as stated on the ASA's main website, <https://www.amstat.org/about-asa>).

So, what's all this about an ASA Student Chapter? Well, from the ASA's website (<https://www.amstat.org/membership/asa-communities/student-chapters>),

"ASA student chapters provide opportunities for students to connect with other students interested in statistics and interact with prominent statisticians locally and at national meetings. They also encourage students to continue studying statistics and provide career information in the statistical sciences. There are no scholastic requirements, and students need not be statistics majors. All students are welcome and encouraged to get involved."

Additionally, officially-registered members of an ASA Student Chapter receive a **discounted rate** on membership to the ASA itself! Benefits of being an ASA member are plentiful, including:

- Information on job listings and job searches
- Eligibility to earn awards (including travel awards, grants, and scholarships)
- Opportunities to engage with other like-minded statisticians and data scientists in the field!

To help understand what joining the SBSI looks like, we've decided to host an introductory information session/social from **11am - noon on Friday, November 17, 2023 at BIOEN 1001!** A flyer for the event is attached to this email, and copies have also been posted around the PSTAT department. During the social, we will be outlining some of the exciting opportunities we plan to offer (and also soliciting opinions on things people would like to see offered)- it will also be a great chance to socialize with other statistics and data science enthusiasts on campus! Oh, and yes- there will be PIZZA!

So please consider joining us from **11am - noon on Friday, November 17, 2023 at BIOEN 1001** - all you need to do to confirm attendance is to **RSVP** using <https://bit.ly/sbsi-info>

We hope to see everyone there!

Questions? Please contact Ethan Marzban at epmarzban@pstat.ucsb.edu



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Our website: sbstatinit.github.io

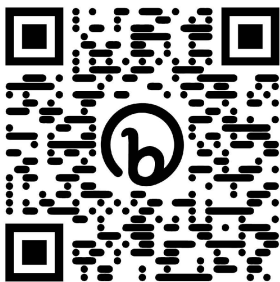
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BIOENGINEERING 1001

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(or use the QR code)

What is the ASA?

The ASA (**American Statistical Association**) is the world's largest-community of Statisticians. You can learn more at amstat.org.

Who Can Attend?

The info session, like the SBSI itself, is open to **Undergraduates and Graduates alike!**

Do I Need to be a PSTAT Major?

Nope- the info session (as well as the SBSI) is open to **all interested individuals**. We welcome the diverse perspectives of all!

What are the Benefits of Attending and/or Applying?

Socializing (with refreshments!); access to speakers and industry professionals, discounted membership to the ASA, and more!