



Council for Emerging and New Statisticians

ENAR Council for Emerging and New Statisticians (CENS)

ENAR is seeking applications from graduate students and recent graduates to serve on its Council for Emerging and New Statisticians (CENS).

Eligible applicants are current students, post-doctoral fellows, or recent graduates of departments of biostatistics, statistics, or related fields. A recent graduate is defined as having received your terminal degree (Master's or Doctorate) within two years of the due date of this application.

Purpose

ENAR's Regional Advisory Board (RAB) formed CENS in 2012 to help ENAR better address the needs of all students and recent graduates. RAB, which represents the grassroots membership of ENAR, is the natural body to liaise with CENS.

Main Objectives for the CENS

1. Bring student/recent graduate concerns to the attention of RAB and ENAR
2. Work to help ENAR better serve all students/recent graduates
3. Advise and help implement ideas to enhance the benefits of ENAR membership and to increase awareness of the benefits of ENAR membership to students
4. Organize a CENS session at each ENAR Spring Meeting
5. Assist in planning events that help advance students' and recent graduates' education and careers
6. Contribute to the development of ENAR's social media presence

Membership

CENS will be composed of 10-12 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, or recent graduates who are ENAR members from academia, government, non-profits, or industry. All CENS members will be appointed to 2-year terms. A three or four person steering committee will be formed from the regular CENS members. CENS members chosen for the steering committee will serve an additional year on the Council.

Meetings

CENS will meet in person at the yearly ENAR Spring Meeting. Throughout the year, there will be conference calls to plan events and address issues as they arise.

Member Obligations

We ask that members who are recent graduates attend each ENAR Spring Meeting for the course of their CENS term. For students, we ask their department chair or advisor to commit to providing funding for the student's trip to the ENAR Spring Meeting. To certify this commitment, we ask the department chair/advisor to co-sign the CENS application or, if unable to sign, an email from the department chair/advisor to enar.cens@gmail.com will be accepted as proof of support.

Example CENS Activities

- Organize the CENS Invited Session at each ENAR Spring Meeting
- Plan the CENS Mixer at the ENAR Spring Meeting
- Coordinate the CENS Networking Lunch at the ENAR Spring Meeting
- Improve student and recent graduate networking opportunities, via events at the ENAR Spring Meeting or through online platforms
- Improve student knowledge of career choices and job hunting
- Advise on ENAR webinar topics of interest to students/recent graduates
- Advise ENAR Spring Meeting Program Chair of topics of interest to students/recent graduates
- Advertise the year-round ENAR career placement center to students
- Give input to the ENAR Educational Advisory Committee, for example, giving feedback on short courses, roundtables, and tutorials

RAB Liaison to the CENS

The RAB Liaison to CENS will mentor and assist CENS in its activities and will report to the RAB chair:

- Harrison Quick (RAB Chair); Ana Best (RAB Co-Chair)
- Xingruo (Summer) Zhang (RAB Liaison)

For more information please contact current CENS members at enar.cens@gmail.com.

Instructions for Application to the Council for Emerging and New Statisticians

Please fill out all items in the attached application form. We define a "Recent Graduate" as having received your terminal degree within two years of the due date of this application. For students, we request a signature from your department chair or advisor committing to providing funding for your travel expenses to the ENAR Spring Meetings. If the department chair/advisor is unable to co-sign, an email from the department chair/advisor to enar.cens@gmail.com will be accepted as proof of support. Applicants who are selected as CENS members must be members in good standing of ENAR.

Please send the completed and signed application form and your up-to-date CV (with current email/phone contact information) to CENS by email at enar.cens@gmail.com (use "CENS Application" as the subject). Please submit your application by **11:59pm EST on Monday, June 16th, 2025**.

Application for ENAR Council for Emerging and New Statisticians (CENS)

Name: _____

School/Department/Degree Program/Year of Graduation (anticipated year for current students):

Where do you currently work and what is your job title? (for recent graduates)

Please write one or two paragraphs explaining why you are a good candidate for CENS. Include leadership experience, skills, interests, and personal strengths. Discuss why you would like to be on CENS, any specific roles you would be interested in (examples in Question 2 on next page), and how CENS can help emerging and new statisticians. (Maximum 300 words)

Additionally, please answer the following questions to tell us more about your prior exposure to and interest in CENS:

1. What CENS events have you been to in the past? (Check all that apply)

☐ CENS Invited Session at ENAR ☐ CENS Networking Mixer at ENAR
☐ CENS Networking Lunch at ENAR ☐ CENS Table at ENAR
☐ CENS Invited Session at JSM ☐ Other: _____

- a. If you have been to at least one CENS event, what did you appreciate about the event(s) and/or what would you suggest for improvement? (Max 150 words)**

2. What CENS events would you be most interested in helping out with if you joined our team? (Check up to three)

☐ Invited Session Organizer (draft session proposal, lead on panelist selection, invite and collect information from panelists, confirm attendance)
☐ Invited Session Chair (communicate with panelists as session approaches, moderate the session, collect feedback from panelists)
☐ Networking Mixer (organize activities, coordinate prizes, manage event logistics)
☐ Networking Lunch (identify and reserve restaurants, coordinate attendees)
☐ Social Media (create posts, manage accounts, maintain website)
☐ Brainstorm New CENS Events (webENARs, roundtables, etc.)

3. Which of the following conferences do you plan to attend? (Only 2026 and 2027 ENAR attendance is required as a part of CENS)

☐ ENAR 2026 ☐ ENAR 2027
☐ JSM 2025 ☐ JSM 2026 ☐ JSM 2027

4. What are your future career goals? (Max 150 words)

As a CENS applicant, I understand that by submitting this application that it is subject to review by ENAR CENS and that I may or may not be asked to become a member of the CENS. If I am chosen, and I accept to be a member of CENS, then I understand that I am expected to attend the ENAR Spring Meeting to assist with CENS activities and must remain as an ENAR member in good standing for the duration of my term.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

I commit to supporting (Name of applicant)_____ in obtaining funding to attend 2 ENAR Spring Meetings (or 3 if elected to the steering committee) while serving on CENS.

If applicant is a student, this should be signed by the student's Department Chair or Advisor to indicate funding support for the student's travel.

If the Department Chair/Advisor is not able to guarantee support at this time, please provide an explanation as to why.

If applicant is a recent graduate, this can either be signed by the applicant's company supervisor or the applicant themselves.

Name:_____

Signature:_____

Date: _____

Explanation (if needed, 1-2 sentences):