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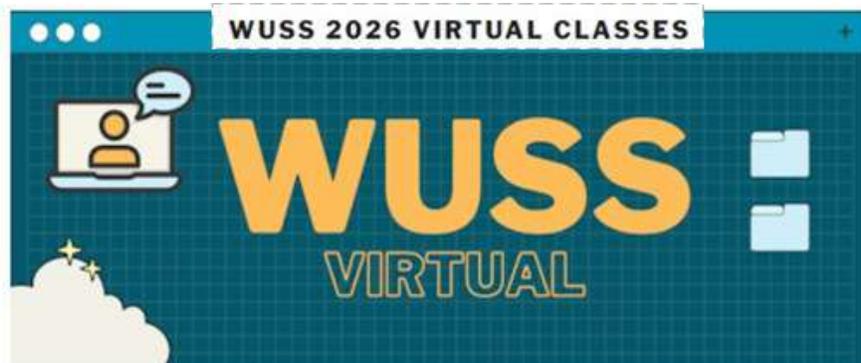




WESTERN USERS OF SAS SOFTWARE

Educational Forum and Conference

<https://www.wuss.org/wuss-2026-virtual-classes/#class02>



WUSS Virtual Classes Spring 2026

Western Users of SAS Software is excited to announce that WUSS Virtual Classes will be returning for the Spring 2026 season. We will be offering several of our most popular **live, half-day** training classes taught by seasoned industry experts.

These classes are a tremendous value at just **\$99 per class**. All classes are held from 10am to 2pm PT (1pm to 5pm ET). Please click on each class title for a detailed description of the course and information about the instructors. **Registration will open soon!**

Date	Course Title (click for description)	Instructor(s) (click for bio)
MARCH 2026		
Mar 5	Asking Better Questions: The Art and Science of Survey Design	Tasha Chapman
Mar 19	R for SAS Programmers: SQL Processing	Sunil K. Gupta
Mar 26	ODS Workshop: The Output Delivery System from Beginning to End	Jay Iyengar
APRIL 2026		
Apr 9	SAS Macro Magic for Beginners	Kirk Paul Lafler
Apr 17	Next Generation AI for Biometrics: From Gen AI to Agentic Workflows and Vibe-Coding	Kevin Lee
Apr 22	Utilizing National Healthcare Survey Data in Research and Analysis Using SAS	Jay Iyengar
MAY 2026		
May 1	From RECIST to Kaplan-Meier: Building Oncology Trials the Right Way	Kevin Lee

R for SAS Programmers: SQL Processing Webinar by Sunil Gupta

Thursday, March 19, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Pacific Time



R for SAS Programmers: SQL Processing

Sunil K. Gupta

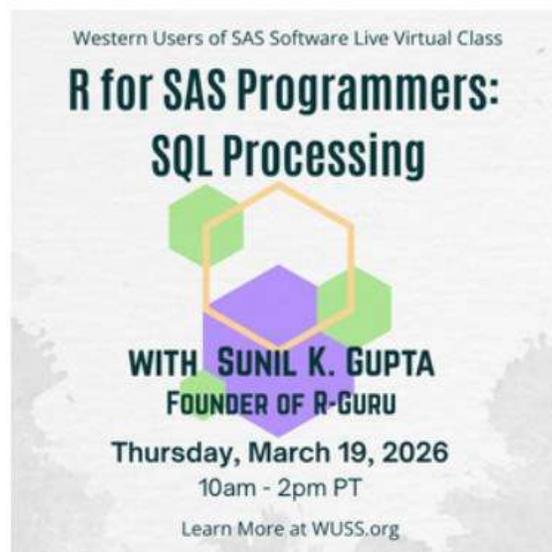
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In this workshop, you will learn about the Tidyverse package since it is a very powerful and a common R package for data management. You will learn about the DPLYR package since it simulates SQL type operations. We will focus on how to query data with select, drop and filter variables and records. In addition, you will learn how to derive new variables as well as how to stream R commands with piping.

While SAS programmers have the data step and Proc SQL, R programmers can leverage piping and DPLYR packages to streamline R functions for multiple SQL tasks. Once intermediate data frames are finalized, data frames can then be sorted, joined and appended together. Finally, summary variables and records can be created by overall or by group variables.

This workshop is hands-on and designed to increase your confidence to write error-free R syntax as well as review and confirm your results. This workshop is appropriate for beginner R programmers and for experienced R programmers who want structured R SQL learning.



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<https://R-Guru.com>, <https://SASSavvy.com>

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Next R Live Training Class by Sunil Gupta

April 16, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, Jun 2, 9,
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 am PT

<https://r-guru.com/join-us>



Next R-Guru Live Sessions: Apr 16 - Jun 9, Tuesdays 6.30 am to 8 am PT: Ideal for more structured R learning and mentoring! Program contains up to 24 hours of Basics and Clinical Hands-on Exercises, up to 16 Hours of R Reading, 15 hours of R Topic Videos and Podcasts, and 14 hours of Live Class or video recording & Q&A. You also get a student journal on the basics of R programming to SDTMs, ADaMs and TLFs. No prior R knowledge or programming background required! Complete the sign-up process now to start your free one-on-one mentoring, email support and access to R-Guru for three months.

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May 1-3, 2026, at UCLA

ASA DataFest at UCLA 2026 will take place **May 1–3, 2026** in the **UCLA Ackerman Grand Ballroom**, which has hosted the event for the past four years.

DataFest is an exciting, fast-paced 48-hour data wrangling competition where undergraduate teams dive into a rich, real-world dataset and work collaboratively to uncover insights. The event is held at numerous sites across several countries, but it all began at UCLA thanks to the leadership and vision of **Dr. Robert (Rob) Gould**.

UCLA is actively **seeking sponsors**, and if you know an organization that may be interested in supporting this educational and community-centered event, please share the sponsorship page:

<http://datafest.stat.ucla.edu/support-datafest/giving>.

UCLA is also actively **looking for mentors** to assist student teams, and you can sign up for time slots at <https://tinyurl.com/datafest-mentor-25-26>.

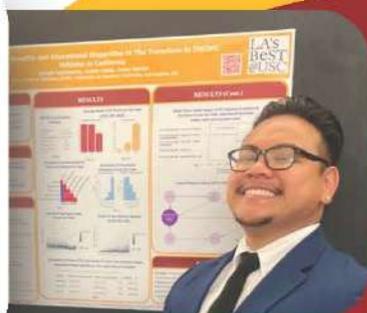
If you'd like to **serve as a judge** or have any questions about the event, please contact **Dr. Linda Zanontian** at linda@stat.ucla.edu.

Keck School of Medicine of USC
Department of Population and Public Health Sciences



LA's BeST @USC

LA's **Biostatistics & Data Science Summer Training**
Program at the University of Southern California



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- ✓ No tuition or fees, \$2.5K Stipend
- ✓ Housing & Transportation covered
- ✓ Networking & Mentorship Opportunities
- ✓ Summer in Los Angeles!

Learn health data analysis, epidemiology, clinical trials, statistical genetics and spatial statistics for geographical modeling

Train using R, a widely used software in research

Immerse in data from groundbreaking public health research studies such as the Southern California Children's Health Study

We seek students interested in applying biostatistics & data science to tackle complex health challenges encountered in different communities



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