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Dr. S. Rao Jammalamadaka Receives 2025 IISA Lifetime Achievement Award

Distinguished Professor **Sreenivasa Rao Jammalamadaka, Ph.D.**, the founding chair of UC Santa Barbara's Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, has received the **2025 Lifetime Achievement Award** from the International Indian Statistical Association (IISA), one of the profession's highest honors.

Presented just once every two years, the award recognizes statisticians whose research, leadership and service have had a lasting global impact. Dr. Jammalamadaka is being honored for more than five decades of pioneering contributions to directional data analysis, goodness-of-fit testing, spacings, linear models and statistical theory -- work that has shaped modern statistical science and continues to influence emerging fields such as artificial intelligence. Over his distinguished career, he has authored more than 250 research papers and several influential books.

Dr. Jammalamadaka's impact extends far beyond research. As the department's founding chair, he helped establish one of the nation's leading statistics programs while mentoring nearly 50 doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in academia, industry and government. His dedication to graduate education earned him UC Santa Barbara's Outstanding Graduate Mentorship Award.

His distinguished career also includes serving as and as **President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Statistical Association (SCASA) from 1989–1990**, reflecting his longstanding commitment to advancing the statistical profession through leadership and service. He is also a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics and has received an honorary doctorate from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. SCASA proudly featured Dr. Jammalamadaka in the Leadership Legacy Corner in the January 2025 issue of the eNewsletter. We are delighted to congratulate him on receiving the 2025 IISA Lifetime Achievement Award, a fitting tribute to a career that has inspired generations of statisticians.

Reflecting on his career, Dr. Jammalamadaka emphasized the enduring importance of statistics in today's data-driven world.

"The basic first step to artificial intelligence starts with statistics. Seeing my students recognize this foundational power, and watching them bridge the gap between engineering and statistics to become leaders in the field, has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my career."

Dr. Jammalamadaka will formally receive the award at the **2026 International Indian Statistical Association Conference** in Varanasi, India. **Congratulations!!!**



JOINT STATISTICAL MEETINGS 2026

Boston, MA, 8/1 - 8/6

<https://www.amstat.org/meetings/joint-statistical-meetings>

The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) is the largest annual conference for statisticians and data scientists in North America, with a history that traces back to the first American Statistical Association (ASA) meeting in 1840. The origins of JSM began with the ASA's inaugural annual meeting in Boston in 1840, shortly after the association was founded in 1839. Over the following century, the ASA increasingly collaborated with other professional organizations, particularly the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) and the International Biometric Society (IBS), through a series of joint meetings. These collaborations culminated in 1974 with the formal establishment of the Joint Statistical Meetings, when the ASA, IMS, and IBS consolidated their annual meetings into a single conference, joined by the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC) as a founding partner. Since then, JSM has been held annually, except for virtual meetings in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and has grown into the premier conference for the statistical sciences in North America. Today, it is jointly organized by the ASA, IMS, the International Biometric Society through its Eastern North American Region (ENAR) and Western North American Region (WNAR), and the Statistical Society of Canada, with additional partner organizations including the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), the International Indian Statistical Association (IISA), and the Korean International Statistical Society (KISS). It now attracts more than 5,000 participants each year from academia, industry, and government, reflecting its longstanding role in advancing statistical research, education, and professional collaboration.



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Bio

Sunil Gupta, MS, is an international speaker, best-selling author of five SAS books, and a global SAS Developer and CDISC SME and corporate trainer. Sunil is an advocate of CDISC automation and standardization with over twenty-five years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Most recently, Sunil is teaching Practical R for SAS Programmers, a CDISC online class at the University of California at San Diego, and classes on Data Science using SAS at UCLA and UCSD Extended Studies. In 2019, Sunil published his fifth book, Clinical Data Quality Checks for CDISC Compliance Using SAS and in 2011, Sunil launched his unique SAS mentoring blog, SASSavvy.com, for smarter SAS searches and R-Guru.com for R Programming. Sunil has MS in Bioengineering from Clemson University and a BS in Applied Mathematics from the College of Charleston.

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R-Guru Getting Started with R Shiny Three-Hours Workshop - \$199.00 (USD)

Aug 24, 6 - 9 am PT. Ready to unravel R shiny objects to create your first R shiny app with a step-by-step hands-on demo approach? Join me in this three-hour workshop to create basic R shiny apps to view and filter data frames, tables and plots. Prior R knowledge is required. Enrollment includes access to R-Guru and free e-mail support for three months.

R-Guru Live Mentoring Class - \$450.00 (USD)

Next R-Guru Live Sessions: Sep 1 - Oct 20, 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 copy of my new book on R for SQL, 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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"I realized I have too many high-tech gadgets when I became Facebook friends with my toaster."



"I don't think the new electric fence is engendering the fear we intended."

