
Please Keep the Statistics Department at UNL

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Dear University of Nebraska–Lincoln Leadership,

I am writing as a proud graduate of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Statistics Department, where I earned my doctorate. I was saddened to hear that the program may be eliminated, and I want to share what this department has meant to me and why I believe it is important to keep it.

Over the course of my education, I studied at multiple universities, but UNL was different. The Statistics Department stood out for its supportive faculty who invested in my growth as a researcher and professional. In particular, my advisor, Prof. Ghosh, provided mentorship and encouragement that shaped my life in ways no other institution did.

I also want to acknowledge the immense support I received from UNL during the COVID-19 pandemic. That sense of care and community left a lasting impression on me and made me proud to be part of UNL.

Because of that experience, I gained the skills and confidence to build a successful career as a data scientist in the insurance industry. The foundation I built in the Statistics Department continues to guide my professional work and growth.

If this department disappears, future students will lose the same opportunities and support that shaped me. Nebraska—and the broader community—needs graduates with strong training in data and analytics more than ever. UNL has been producing them for decades, and it would be a great loss to see that legacy end.

I respectfully ask you to reconsider. Please find a way to preserve the Statistics program so that future students can benefit just as I did.

Thank you for your time and for listening to an alum who cares deeply about UNL.

Sincerely,
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