

Fall 2025 Budget Reduction Feedback

I moved to the U.S. nearly two months ago to begin my Master's/Ph.D. in Statistics at UNL. Before coming here, I had a very stable life and a good job as a math teacher in Vietnam, where I had worked for 8 years. A lot of people asked me if it was worth it when I gave up a very stable job, good income, and familiarity to start over in a new country. But I persisted that my dream was to gain a deep knowledge and research skills in statistics. I believed that UNL was the right place to make that dream come true.

I chose UNL over another school in Ohio that also offered me funding because I believed in UNL's reputation and commitment to excellence. But just a few weeks after arriving, I received the shocking news that the university is considering cutting the entire Statistics department. Honestly, I feel very unstable now.

I expected to study hard and earn a statistics degree here, but now I'm not even sure if I'll be able to stay if the funding is cut. I made a huge life decision based on my trust in UNL. But now it's heartbreaking.

Please don't let this happen. The statistics department deserves to be saved. The professors in the department are very dedicated and supportive. They not only teach statistics but also guide students in research, internships, and career preparation. I can see that faculty members in the statistics department work hard every day to contribute to the department, the university, and its students. Eliminating the Statistics department will affect people, and in the broader context, it will impact the reputation and quality of UNL. Real students with real dreams come here hoping to build a future. Please don't take that away from us.