

RUTGERS STATISTICS CENTER

Rutgers University has established a Statistics Center which will be the State University's central unit for research and teaching in the field of statistics. It will continue to offer at Rutgers the Master's Degree program and in addition will have responsibility for a program of study leading to the Ph.D. in Applied and Mathematical Statistics.

The Center, which is under the administration of Dr. Marion A. Johnson, dean of the Graduate School, will be directed by Dr. Ellis R. Ott, who has previously served as professor of Mathematics and Chairman of the Mathematics Department of University College, as well as Chairman of the Rutgers program in Applied and Mathematical Statistics. Director of Research at the Center will be Dr. Martin B. Wilk. The staff will also include Dr. Roger S. Pinkham, Dr. Mason E. Wescott and Harold F. Dodge.

The Statistics Center will be responsible for programs of research in statistical theory and methodology and in ways of promoting the more effective use of statistics in science, industry, education and other areas.

The Center will also make available, both within and without the University, consultative services with respect to the use of statistics and statistical techniques in research or other experiments and surveys, and with respect to the analysis and presentation of data.

Since 1952, Rutgers has had course work leading to a Master's degree in the field of Applied and Mathematical Statistics. Through June, 1959, a total of 85 Master's degrees in applied and mathematical statistics had been awarded, mostly to full-time employees in nearby industries. The present development constitutes a major extension of the Rutgers Statistics Program plus an administrative reorganization.

The establishment of the Statistics Center is predicated on the belief that a group within the University charged with instructional, research, and consultative functions in the field will both advance and strengthen the University's program in statistics, and also further the effective use of statistical tools and techniques by the many members of the University staff who, though not specialists in statistics, must of necessity use statistics in their own work.

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