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The Institute of Mathematical Statistics, a unique international organization representing wide-ranging interests in statistical research, is now offering FREE membership to students (beginning in 2000). Membership includes full membership benefits (an annual subscription to the *IMS Bulletin*, discounts at our sponsored meetings, voting privileges, and so on). It is an excellent way in which you can be part of the worldwide statistical scientific community. As with all our members, IMS does require that students purchase at least one of our journals.

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What's the catch?

It is your participation in all of IMS's varied activities that we seek; students represent the future of our field.

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Publications: The IMS publishes four journals in addition to its news bulletin, The IMS Bulletin: The Annals of Statistics, The Annals of Probability, The Annals of Applied Probability, and Statistical Science. If you are working towards a Ph.D. in statistics or probability, you will no doubt become acquainted with at least one of the specialist Annals as you begin your dissertation research. But all statistics graduate students, even first year students and those intending to pursue only a Masters Degree, will want to read the review journal Statistical Science. Statistical Science is published four times a year, and features review articles and discussion on areas in statistics of wide current interest. The journal's policy is for all articles, including those discussing advanced research topics, to be interesting and accessible to beginning statistics graduate students, without sacrificing genuine intellectual content. Statistical Science is an excellent way of keeping up with developments in all parts of the field. Another fascinating aspect of Statistical Science is its interviews with leading statisticians and probabilists, which will give you an insight into the way that our field has grown and developed.

Meetings: The IMS sponsors a series of meetings: an Annual Meeting (usually held during the summer), regional meetings, and special topics meetings. Many of these are joint meetings with other societies. Student Members of IMS are entitled and strongly encouraged to present papers and are generally eligible for reduced registration rates. Our annual workshops at the Joint Statistics Meetings are free to all student members. In addition, we have an active New Researchers Committee that sponsors special meetings every two years.

Advertisements and advocacy: The *IMS Bulletin* contains numerous ads for academic and other positions worldwide. The IMS distinguishes our field by serving as an advocate for the science of statistics and probability, and your participation undoubtedly adds to the influence it can have. The IMS is the premier international statistics scientific society.* Join and find out for yourself!

So what do I have to do now?

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*This is a strong claim, but it can be substantiated, even supported with statistical evidence. See *Statistical Science*, February 1994, Volume 9, pp. 94-108