
Appendix E

Tutorial Letter Requesting Participants

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Faculty of Science

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

PARTICIPATION IN COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION (CAI) PROJECT

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Those of you who are familiar with microcomputers will realise that a computer can be a valuable teaching medium for a subject such as Statistics. The Department of Statistics is designing and developing computer-assisted lessons to supplement the Study Guide for STA101-H.

The lessons are interactive tutorials (not just question banks) which demonstrate and explain the material in the Study Guide from a point of view that is designed to encourage deeper intuitive understanding of the topics. Especially in the distance education setting, the special features of a computer make it possible to provide a richer learning experience than is possible in a written medium. In other subjects where computer-assisted lessons have been implemented, the students were of the opinion that they were a very helpful learning aid.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

Before the Statistics CAI lessons can be made available to all STA101-H students, we need to test them with a group of students and to receive your comments and feedback so that we can improve the lessons where possible.

We need your help to evaluate the lessons as study material from the student's point of view. Without your input, it is impossible to carry out a scientific evaluation. The results of your evaluation will be used in research at Unisa and at the University of Pretoria.

We invite all students living in the Pretoria-Johannesburg area, or who are prepared to travel to Pretoria, to take part in the evaluation project.

WHEN?

During the second half of March 1996.

WHERE?

Unisa main campus - Cas van Vuuren Building.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Probably a total of six to ten hours, which can be distributed over two days. Different options are available, which are described on the form to be completed on page 5.

WHAT MUST YOU DO NOW:

Please complete the enclosed form if you would like to participate in the project. The closing date for replies is the end of February - the same as for Assignment 01. You can staple the reply to the inside of the assignment cover for Assignment 01, or you can send it directly to:

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We will contact you in due course for final arrangements if you have been included in the sample to take part in the project. We hope to involve 60 to 80 students.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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