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NC State Statistician Ghosal Wins Prestigious NSF Career Award

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Dr. Subhashis Ghosal, assistant professor of statistics at North Carolina State University, has received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (Career) Award, the most prestigious of the foundation's awards and the first for NC State's Department of Statistics in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

The \$400,000, five-year grant is awarded to promising young tenure-track professors in U.S. universities to help develop their careers and support their research. Ghosal received the award for his proposal titled "Default Bayesian Methods for Nonparametric Problems."



Dr. Subhashis Ghosal

"Dr. Ghosal has an outstanding publication record, and the NSF Career Award is certainly an excellent recognition of his potential for the future," said Dr. Sastry Pantula, head of NC State's Department of Statistics. "Only a very few statisticians have received these awards. This is the first NSF Career Award for our department and we are very excited about the external recognition our faculty have been receiving."

According to Pantula, Ghosal is "one of the chief contributors" to recent breakthroughs in non-parametric Bayesian procedures. The award will provide Ghosal with graduate-student aides, equipment, supplies and other resources as he develops extensions of the existing theory as well as computation techniques and software for implementing his procedures.

Ghosal earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the Indian Statistical Institute of Calcutta, India. He joined the NC State faculty in 2001.

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NSF established the Career Award program in 1995 to help top-performing scientists and engineers early in their careers to simultaneously develop their contributions and commitment to research and to education.