Proposal Development Workshop

11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Friday May 8th, 2015

103 Donald L. Houston Building

200 Discovery Drive

The TXCRDC invites interested researchers to attend our spring/summer “Proposal Development Workshop”. The goal of the workshop is to give researchers an overview of: (1) the restricted data resources available for RDC-based research, (2) programs and services available at the TXCRDC, (3) the steps involved in gaining approval for projects using restricted data, and (4) the seed grants program to support development of RDC project proposals.

Workshop Participation is free. Researchers and doctoral students from all disciplines are welcome. On-site parking is free. The D. L. Houston Building is on TAMU Shuttle Route 5 “Bush School” (Discovery Drive stop).

Sessions 11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Lunch Included (RSVP required for lunch)

11:45am-12:30pm  Sign In and Enjoy Box Lunch

Pick up your name tag, select a box lunch and drink, and settle in. To RSVP for a lunch, click on the RSVP link above. Alternatively, click on the RSVP link on the “Events” page of our website (http://txcrdc.tamu.edu/html/calendar.html).

12:30pm-1:00pm  Session I, Part I. Welcome, Overview of TXCRDC Programs/Resources

Overview of the nature of RDCs and research opportunities in RDCs. Review of the resources, programs, and services available at the TXCRDC.

1:00pm-1:30pm  Session I, Part II. Scouting RDC Projects and Data

Examples of RDC projects and how to learn about them. Overview of data sets available in RDCs and projects that have used them. The computing environment in the RDC secure lab.

1:30-1:45pm  Break

1:45pm–3:00pm  Session II. Writing Proposals for Projects Using Restricted Data

Review the Census side of the TAMU-US Census collaboration. First discussions of project ideas. Elements of successful Census and NCHS proposals and projects.
Workshop on RDC-Based Research

The goal of the workshop is to introduce researchers to the restricted access data sources and research tools available in RDCs, the services and programs available at the TXCRDC, and the steps involved in gaining approval to conduct research using restricted data at the TXCRDC.

Schedule

11:45 am – 12:30 pm. Sign-in, Enjoy Box Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm. Session I, Part 1: Overview of TXCRDC Programs & Resources
Mark Fossett, Director, Texas A&M University
- Overview of the workshop, the TXCRDC, and the TXCRDC consortium
- The TXCRDC Seed Grant Program
- Other TXCRDC Workshops, Presentations, and Events
- Graduate student involvement in RDC research
- TXCRDC resources and opportunities for researchers

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Session I, Part 2: Scouting RDC Projects and Confidential Data
- Examples of RDC projects and how to learn about them (Amber Fox)
- Scouting data from Census and National Center for Health Statistics (Nicole Jones)
- Overview of the RDC computing environment (Nathanael Rosenheim)

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm. Break

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm. Session II: Proposal Development Nuts and Bolts
Dr. Bethany DeSalvo, RDC Administrator, U.S. Census Bureau

Overview from the Census Perspective
- RDCs, the RDC national network, and the TAMU-Census collaboration.
- Review of selected restricted data sets.
- Brainstorm about variables, project feasibility, and developing a proposal.

Nuts and Bolts of Developing Census RDC Proposals
- Gaining access to restricted data – Who can conduct research in RDCs?, What kinds of questions can be investigated?, and How can results be used?
- Conditions and protocols of conducting research in the RDC secure lab.
- Ingredients of successful proposals and projects.
- Expectations and planning regarding proposal preparation, proposal review, and completing RDC-based research projects.
- How to get started with a proposal.
- Questions and closing remarks.