Proposal Development Workshop
11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Friday September 25th, 2015
103 Donald L. Houston Building
200 Discovery Drive

The TXRDC 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 TXRDC, (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 by permit (click for instructions to email/call to reserve a spot). The D. L. Houston Building is on TAMU Shuttle Route 3 “Yell Practice” (D. L. Houston 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://TXRDC.tamu.edu/html/calendar.html).

12:30pm-1:00pm  Session I, Part I. Welcome, Overview of TXRDC Programs/Resources
Overview of the nature of RDCs and research opportunities in RDCs. Review of the resources, programs, and services available at the TXRDC.

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. 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. Scouting and developing project ideas. Elements of successful Census and NCHS proposals and projects. How to submit proposals and plan 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 TXRDC, and the steps involved in gaining approval to conduct research using restricted data at the TXRDC.

Schedule

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

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