Graduate Student Information Session
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Thursday December 10th, 2015
110 Donald L. Houston Building
200 Discovery Drive

The TXRDC invites interested graduate students and other interested researchers to attend our first “Graduate Student Information Session.” The goal of the session is to provide information about the TXRDC with a special focus on (1) giving prospective researchers a better sense of what kinds of restricted access data are available in RDCs and (2) various issues graduate students should consider when undertaking a research project using restricted data.

The target audience for this event is graduate students and other researchers who are searching for data that can sustain high impact dissertations and research projects. Bring your curiosity and your research questions. We will share information about restricted data available in the RDC system and brainstorm with you about data that could be relevant for your research ideas. We welcome folks who are curious about restricted data in the federal statistical system and are not yet familiar with RDCs. Use the following link (RSVP-QUESTIONS) (or go to txrdc.tamu.edu) to RSVP and submit ideas/questions in advance. We will address as many as time permits.

Participation is free and open to doctoral students and other researchers from all disciplines. 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).

**Agenda**

9:30am – Arrive, Have a morning snack, Settle In
Enjoy a snack (coffee, juice, pastries, and fruit) then find a seat in the auditorium.

10:00am – 11:15am Information Session
Welcome, Overview of TXRDC Programs/Resources
Discussion of graduate student research in RDCs – opportunities and pitfalls
Discussion of available data and potential relevance for research projects
Overview of how RDC research projects work – practical concerns
Final comments on next steps