



Proposal Development Workshop

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday May 9th, 2017

University of Houston

The TXRDC is pleased to invite interested researchers to attend a “Proposal Development Workshop” at the University of Houston. 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 and is open to all researchers at the University of Houston, other TXRDC Consortium institutions (e.g., Rice University), and other interested researchers in Houston and surrounding areas. Faculty researchers and doctoral students from all disciplines are welcome.

Location and related details will be announced by UH coordinators who are distributing this flyer.

Anticipated Agenda

1:15 pm. Session I, Part I. Overview of TXRDC Programs and Resources

Overview of the national RDC network and research opportunities in RDCs. Review of the resources, programs, and services available at the TXRDC.

1:45 pm. Session I, Part II. Scouting RDC Projects and Data

Review of examples of RDC projects and how to learn about them. Scouting restricted data sets available in RDCs. Overview of preparing proposals to use NCHS data sets.

2:15 pm. Break

2:30 pm. Session II. Writing Proposals for Projects Using Restricted Data

Review the Census perspective on the TAMU-US Census Bureau collaboration. Scouting and developing project ideas. Elements of successful RDC proposals and projects. Preparing/submitting Census RDC proposals. Planning project timelines.

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.

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1:15 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

1:45 pm. Session I, Part 2: Scouting RDC Projects and Confidential Data

- Examples of RDC projects and how to learn about them
- Scouting data from Census and National Center for Health Statistics
- Comments on NCHS (health data) Proposals and Projects

2:15 pm. Break

2:30 pm. Session II: Proposal Development – “Nuts and Bolts”

Dr. Bethany DeSalvo, RDC Administrator, U.S. Census Bureau

The Census Perspective on RDC Research

- RDCs, the RDC national network, and the TAMU-Census collaboration.
- Review of selected restricted data sets.
- Brainstorming 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.
- Planning timelines for proposals, proposal review, and completing RDC projects.
- How to get started with a proposal.
- Questions and closing remarks.