



Graduate Student Information Session

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Friday September 27, 2019

**101 Donald L. Houston Building
200 Discovery Drive**

The TXRDC invites interested graduate students and other interested researchers to attend our 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 an overview of the kinds of restricted access data available in RDCs and (2) discussing various issues graduate students should consider when undertaking a research project using restricted data (e.g., determining whether project time lines will fit with timelines for funding support and degrees).

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 all researchers who are curious about restricted data in the federal statistical system and are not yet familiar with RDCs. *Visit our website (txrdc.tamu.edu) to submit any ideas/questions in advance.* We will try to address as many as possible during the time available.

Participation is free and open to doctoral students and other researchers from all disciplines. The D. L. Houston Building is on TAMU Shuttle Route 3 “White Creek Apartments #2”. Please note on-site parking is by permit. *Visit our website (txrdc.tamu.edu) to RSVP for parking.*

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

Comments from RDC Administrator, Dr. Bethany DeSalvo

Overview of how RDC research projects work – practical concerns

Open Questions / Final comments on next steps