



Proposal Development Workshop

11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday May 11, 2018

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

The TXRDC invites interested researchers to attend our end-of-the-spring semester “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 and is open to all researchers at TAMU and other TXRDC Consortium institutions. Faculty, 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 “White Creek Apartments #2”.

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

11:45am-12:30pm Show up, Sign In, and Enjoy Box Lunch (if RSVP'ed)

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, go to the [TXRDC Events](#) page, click on the “**find out more**” link for the Workshop and then click on the RSVP link.

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

Overview of the national RDC network 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

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.

1:30-1:45pm Break

1:45pm–3:00pm 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.

Schedule – Friday May 11, 2018

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 (Kate Willyard)
- Scouting data from Census and National Center for Health Statistics (Kate Willyard)
- Comments on NCHS (health data) Proposals and Projects (Mark Fossett)

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.
- Planning timelines for proposals, proposal review, and completing RDC projects.
- How to get started with a proposal.
- Questions and closing remarks.