

Social Science Research & Data Center (SSRDC) Proposal Development

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Overview. Funding was received in February 2017 from the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) for the 2017 Spring Semester to identify and formalize interested stakeholders both within the CLA, across the university, and in the greater community with the goal of developing a formal plan that would: 1) identify the goals of a SSRDC, 2) develop a plan to achieve those goals, and 3) develop a concrete and actionable business and funding plan moving forward. This will be accomplished through hosting of focus groups, interviewing potential stakeholders, interviewing existing and respected university research center directors and staff, and analysis of extant documents.

Vision. The vision is to create a center that supports faculty across campus with their social science research design, grants seeking activities, data collection processes, data analysis, and data archiving needs. The SSRDC would foster and support interdisciplinary research in ways that engage students and faculty from across campus. See Table 1 below for details of proposed internal and external services. To-date, conversations have identified ongoing and multiple needs from internal CSU constituencies and external constituencies (local businesses, city, county, community groups).

Deliverables. Project work will culminate by the end of June 2017 and will result in an executive summary and a preliminary start-up proposal. This proposal will include a proposed plan for support from various units across campus and a draft of a 5-year business plan (including milestones for funding).

Impact and Metrics. The final proposal will include metrics for the SSRDC. Proposed metrics are both qualitative and quantitative related to: faculty/student use, number of grant applications and acquisitions, types/numbers of collaborations, and scholarly output.

Table 1. SSRDC Potential Service Offerings

Internal Services	External Services
Research and evaluation design for federal and other grants	Program evaluation services (process, outcome, and impact)
Survey development, deployment, analysis, and reporting	Survey development, deployment, analysis, and reporting
Interdisciplinary and collaborative team development, training, and support	Policy analysis
External funding sourcing and post-award support	White paper development
Scientific research collaborators for applied projects	Grant writing assistance for joint efforts
Data warehousing for transdisciplinary projects (e.g. NWC, USFS urbanization data)	Data warehousing for transdisciplinary projects, community based projects (e.g. NWC)
Data analysis consulting (e.g. custom social network analysis)	Data analysis consulting (e.g. custom social network analysis)
Qualitative and quantitative software access	
Data collection software and hardware (scraping software, 3D cameras, VR, etc.)	