

## ACCESSING THE RDC FACILITIES

The **Regina RDC facility** is located at Innovation Place in Room 190, #2 Research Drive. The RDC Research Analyst is available for consultation here. All analyses of Statistics Canada data must be conducted in the RDC facility; no confidential material is allowed to leave the facility. All workstations are supplied with statistical software (SAS, STATA, SPSS, & R). Users are expected to be familiar with the statistical software they are using prior to accessing the data sets.

## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

The **Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) has an Emerging Scholar Grant**. This grant is for \$1,000 and is awarded to PhD students who are undertaking their dissertation research using a Statistics Canada data-set available at an RDC. Students are encouraged to use these funds to present their research at the national CRDCN conference. Typically, the call for applications occurs three times per year (March 31, July 31, & Nov. 30), with the announcement of award winners approximately six weeks later. Applicants must be a PhD student, have had their dissertation proposal, and have completed their comprehensive examination. They have to submit a brief project proposal, a letter of support from the academic advisor, and sign a public relations release.

<https://crdcn.org/crdcn-emerging-scholars-grant-application-form>



## REGINA RDC FACILITIES

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## THE REGINA RESEARCH DATA CENTRE (RDC)

Helping researchers and students access Statistics Canada data



## WHAT IS THE RESEARCH DATA CENTRE?

The **Research Data Centre (RDC)** at the University of Regina is part of a nation-wide network of RDCs, with sites at 33 universities.

The RDC is a secure Statistics Canada environment that allows researchers to access Statistics Canada microdata files. At University of Regina, the RDC facility is located **at Innovation Place, in Room 190, #2 Research Drive.**

## WHY SHOULD I USE THE RDC?

The RDC provides access to **Statistics Canada data sets, with no monetary cost to the researcher or student.** Conducting secondary analysis on these data sets can be a time effective way to access high-quality data for thesis/dissertation and other research projects. The process for acquiring approval from the Research Ethics Board is simplified by using data that has been gathered in compliance with the Statistics Act.

In addition, the CRDCN offers funding to PhD students who use RDC data for their dissertation, in the form of an Emerging Scholar Grant.

## WHICH DATA SETS ARE AVAILABLE?

The RDC offers access to a wide range of national data sets that may be of interest to researchers and students including:

### Health:

- Canadian Community Health Survey
- General Social Survey
- Canadian Health Measures Survey

### Data linkages and platforms:

- Canadian Population Health Survey data integrated with mortality, hospitalization, historical postal codes, cancer, tax data and Census
- Education and Labour Market Longitudinal Platform
- Business Research Microdata
- Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Linkage Project
- Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort

### Social:

- Aboriginal People's Survey
- General Social Survey
- Workplace Employee Survey
- Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada

### Population:

- Census/NHS
- Longitudinal Immigration Database
- Survey of Household Spending
- Households and the Environment Survey
- Longitudinal and International Study of Adults
- Vital Statistics Birth / Death Database

*A complete list of available data sets can be found at:*

<https://statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data>

## HOW DO I ACCESS THE RDC DATA SETS?

Researchers and students who wish to access the RDC data sets must submit an application for approval of their project.

- **Step 1:** Draft a project proposal
- **Step 2:** Complete the online application form on the Microdata Access Platform website
- **Step 3:** Evaluation of the proposal by Statistics Canada Subject Matter
- **Step 4:** Complete the security screening process including fingerprinting
- **Step 5:** Sign a Microdata Research Contract with Statistics Canada and take the Oath or Affirmation of Office and Secrecy
- **Step 6:** Once your project is completed, submit a product/output as specified in the Contract

For more information about the application process for faculty research and for graduate student research, visit:

<https://statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/process>