

**ELRT Department Student and Faculty Research Support  
ELRT DA Support for 2019-20: A Pilot Offering**

**WHAT:** The ELRT Department will provide up to 10 hours per week of DA support for doctoral students and ELRT Faculty support related to the conduct of **quantitative** studies. This service is available to faculty who are seeking advice on quantitative research design and/or data analysis and reporting. This service will also be available to doctoral students for the same purpose related to their dissertation research or other research conducted under faculty supervision. This service will be evaluated at the end of the 2019-20 academic year to determine if it will be offered in future years and, if so, how. We will use data on the use of this service from the current year to inform that decision.

**GOAL:** Help students and faculty receive needed consultation on quantitative methods in an efficient and timely manner.

**WHO:** The department has allocated 10 hours of an ELRT DA position to this service on a trial basis for the current academic year (fall, 2019 through spring, 2020). EMR doctoral student, Wessam Abdelaziz has this assignment for the 2019-20 academic year.

**WHEN:** Wessam will be holding consultation support hours as follows:

- For the entire fall 2019 term: Mondays between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- PLUS**
- Until October 14: Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
  - Starting October 14: Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  - Assistance will be available on a first, come, first served basis with no bias based on whether the applicant is an ELRT faculty member or doctoral student.

**WHERE:** A location in Sangren Hall will be established when the appointment is confirmed

**GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SUPPORT:**

To apply for support on dissertation research, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have an email from the doctoral committee chairperson with the following content: *The student's dissertation committee chair person has approved the student's research problem, purpose, and research questions plus a draft of chapters 1 and 3. The chairperson also approves the reason the student is seeking assistance from the quantitative support DA.*

To apply for support on non-dissertation research, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have an email from a faculty advisor who is supervising the research with the following content: *The student is working on a faculty approved research study with an approved research problem, purpose, and research questions and can provide a faculty advisor approved draft of an HSIRB application for that research. The faculty research advisor/supervisor also approves the reason the student is seeking assistance from the quantitative support DA.*

In both of the above cases, the student must submit the request for consultation via this form ([LINK](#)) and include the following:

- A, not to exceed, 250 word summary of the research problem, purpose, and research questions
- A, not to exceed, 150 word explanation of the type of assistance the student is seeking
- Attached email from doctoral committee chair or faculty research advisor/supervisor as appropriate (see above)
- Attach faculty chairperson approved draft of Chapters 1 and 3 of the dissertation proposal;
- Or attach faculty research advisor/supervisor approved draft of HSIRB application

**GUIDELINES FOR FACULTY SUPPORT:**

- ELRT Faculty need only complete the assistance request form and include the following:
  - A, not to exceed, 250 word summary of the research problem, purpose, and research questions
  - A, not to exceed, 150 word explanation of the type of assistance the faculty member is seeking
  - Attach the HSIRB application for the study if available in draft or final form

**RESTRICTIONS:** DA assistance under this trial arrangement will be **limited to consultation on study design, statistical approach, data organization, preparation, and entry procedures, data presentation, and data interpretation**. This assistance will not include help conceptualizing a research study or any data entry, running of statistics, or other areas not specified in bold above.

**ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM:** Please access and complete the assistance request form at this ([LINK](#))

**QUESTIONS:**

Contact either:

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Or

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