



QUEEN'S RESEARCH DATA CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2005-6

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4 HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL REPORT

- ❑ Casey Warman begin work as the QRDC Analyst in Spring 2005 training in Ottawa. He completed his PhD in Economics at Carleton University in Fall, 2005.
- ❑ An opening ceremony for the QRDC was held May 5, 2005 in Fireplace Reading Room at Stauffer Library. The speakers were Vice Principal Kerry Rowe and Dr. Gustave Goldmann, the director of the RDC program for Statistics Canada.
- ❑ The QRDC opened for business in August, 2005. Renovations to Stauffer 007 and installation of the server, terminals, and local area network were completed over the summer. Marco Giacomello set up the SunRay server software and developed shell scripts to implement Statistics Canada security requirements.
- ❑ The QRDC was highlighted in the "What's New" box for Queen's in *Maclean's 2006 Guide to Canadian Universities*.



Grand Opening of the QRDC
May 5, 2005



5 USAGE OF THE CENTRE

Operating Hours

Tuesdays - Wednesdays - Thursday

10:00am-4:45pm

closed for lunch 12:45-1:15.

SERVER

SUN Microsystems v890,
2x1.2Ghz UltraSPARC IV,



8 TERMINALS (THIN CLIENTS)

4x Sun Ray 1g



4x Sun Ray 150





6 RESEARCH PROJECTS

<u>Status</u>	<u>#</u>
Active	8
Paper Under Review	0
Completed	0
Proposal in Process	0

<u>Dataset</u>	<u># Projects</u>
NLSCY	2
NPHS	1
WES	2
LSIC	1
LFS	1
SLID	3
RCAF	1
CCHS	1

7 USERS OF THE RDC

<u>Status</u>	<u>#</u>	
Students	10	(all Queen's)
Queen's Faculty	5	
Other	3	

Information as of June, 2006.





8 RESEARCH OUTPUT

As a new RDC no final output had been produced by the end of the fiscal year.

9 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The QRDC analyst made 3 general presentations to potential users and one presentation to the School of Business.

One of the projects listed above is Econ 861, a RDC-based course taught by Dr. Ferrall. Eight graduate students produced reports using several data sets. The course also generated four spin-off projects for MA research essays to be completed over Summer 2006.



11 OPERATING BUDGET

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
SSHRC/CIHR grant	21,536.85	(25% pending)
Units at Queen's	22,000.00	

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statcan support	\$50,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,065.46
Equipment	\$ 1,317.67
Supplies & Software*	\$ 3,144.44
Furnishings*	\$ 3,899.03
Travel*	\$ 2,628.26

*Some are costs associated with initial set-up and the Grand Opening are included in 2005-6 expenses.

Major In-Kind Contributions in 2005-6

School of Business and C. Ferrall donated PCs for use in the QRDC
C. Ferrall subsidized purchase of Stata licenses to accommodate his class.
Queen's IT Services provides technical support.
Stauffer Library provides fax service and use of other facilities.



12 PROJECTIONS

Dr. Warman will teach a RDC-based course next year housed in the Department of Economics but open other graduate students.

Numbers of projects and rate of use will continue to increase steadily.

First completed projects will appear.

Internal funding commitments will be renewed.