



# QUEEN'S RESEARCH DATA CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2006-7

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**3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Dr. Julian Barling, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Business

Dr. Wendy Craig, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

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#### 4 OPERATION 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,



##### 12 TERMINALS (THIN CLIENTS)

4x Sun Ray 1g



4x Sun Ray 150



4x Sun Ray 2





**6 RESEARCH PROJECTS 2006-7**

Total Contracts in local RDC	44
Contracts moved to another Centre	0
Total Researchers in local RDC Projects	48
Active Contracts	20
Primary	19
Secondary (from MacMaster)	1
Active Researchers	20
Dormant Known time out from contract	6
Incomplete; no current activity	0
Article in Review	0
Withdrawn contracts	0
Proposals approved awaiting Contracts	0
Proposals in Evaluation	0
Proposals Rejected	0
Proposals Withdrawn	0
Average No. of Researchers per Contract	1.1
No. of Researchers in projects from other RDCs	2
No of International Scholars in Projects	0

**7 DATA SETS**

SURVEY	PROJECTS
CCHS	8
NLSCY	4
NPHS	2
PISA/YITS	2
SLID	11
WES	3
GSS	1
LSIC	10
NGS	4
Other	3



## 8 RESEARCH OUTPUT

No additional information available at this point. Will be prepared for the mid-term report in Summer 2008.

## 9 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Citizenship info not available.

Undergraduates: 0

MA Research

In Progress: 9

Completed: 3

PhD Research

In Progress: 1

Completed:

Postdoctoral: 1

Summary of Training and Employment: Lots of training as evident from the high fraction of projects related to MA and PhD research; Minimal employment, since Casey Warman remains the one employee of the QRDC. There has been one post-doc who worked in the QRDC and sporadic use has been made by paid employees of the Better Beginnings project.

ECON 882A - Research Problems and Methodology; Instructor: Casey Warman

This applied statistics course provides students with a unique opportunity to gain access to confidential longitudinal datasets. The course focuses primarily on panel data methods with a strong emphasis on a hands-on approach to learning statistics and programming techniques using Stata (no prior knowledge of Stata is required). Some topics to be covered include probit, IV, fixed effect, random effects, Hausman-Taylor estimator, selection bias and hazard models. As well, this course will give students a head start in preparing a research essay topic. Enrolment in the course is limited. This course is open to graduate students from other departments, with priority given to economics students. Please contact the instructor as soon as possible, since there is a requirement to fill out Government security clearance forms in order to gain access to the Statistics Canada Data.

## 10 Staff at RDC



Only Casey Warman, 50% Analyst

## 11 Knowledge Mobilization Activities Organized by the Centre

In 2006 the QRDC focused on 'knowledge creation' not 'mobilization.

## 11 EXPENSE REPORT

Item	RDC Grant	U.Cash	U. In Kind	Total
Statistics Canada Services		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
Director Buy-Out of Time and Responsibilities	\$ 8,200			\$ 8,200
Secretarial and Administrative Staff			\$ 500	\$ 500
Translation Services				
Student Support for Longer Opening Hours				
Statistical and Methodological Services			\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Supplies, Telephone, Security	\$ 1,340			\$ 1,340
Courier Cost				
Computer Software, Supplies and Licenses	\$ 200		\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400
Computer Assistance and LAN Support IT			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Computer Depreciation and Replacement	\$ 1,842			\$ 1,842
Local Governance, Conference, Receptions				
Workshops, Courses, Training	\$ 1,800			\$ 1,800
Travel (not Directors or training)				
Fellowship, Incentives Grants				
Dissemination (Website, Promotion of RDC)			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Other: Travel of Chris Ferrall to Montreal for RDC website	\$ 194			\$ 194
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,575</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,200</b>	<b>\$ 73,775</b>

Note: In-Kind costs/transfers are based on estimated time spent by personnel and software licenses donated by faculty members in support of teaching.

## 12 INCOME REPORT

Cash Income (not counting Queen's In-Kind transfers)	
Queen's Arts & Science, Business, Health	\$27,000
SSHRC/CIHR Transfer	\$29,910
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,910</b>