



QRDC

January 1 to December 31

2008

This report describes the activities of the QRDC (Queen's Research Data Centre).

QRDC
Annual
Review Report

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Notes:

Criterion 1 –The information provided for this section was completed by the RDC-NCC.

Criterion 6 – The information required for this section will be provided and submitted to RDC-NCC by Statistics Canada. The information was not given to the individual centres for input into their reports.

Section One: Background Information

a. QRDC Contact Information

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c. QRDC Management Committee

Advisory Committee Members		
Dr. Julian Barling	Professor and Associate Dean	School of Business
Dr. Wendy Craig	Associate Professor	Department of Psychology
Dr. Christopher Ferrall	Associate Professor	Department of Economics
Dr. Mary Ann McColl	Associate Director	Centre for health Services & Policy Research
Mr. Jeffrey Moon	Government Documents Librarian	
Ms. Susan Marlin	Director	Office of Research Services
Ms. Barbara Teatero	Associate University Librarian	
Dr. Arthur Sweetman	Associate Professor	School of Policy Studies
Ex-Officio Members		

d. Operation of the QRDC Centre

The centre is open 10:00 AM until 4:45 PM, Tuesdays – Wednesdays - Thursdays
 Closed for lunch 12:45 – 1:15 PM
 12 workstations are available to researchers.

Criterion 1: Total Contracts and Total Number of Researchers: Expectations and Achievements

Definitions

Dormant: a researcher has asked for time-out from the contract.
 Incomplete: there is not activity in the contract and the researcher has not informed the RDC Director of this.
 Article in Review: a product has been delivered to the RDC program and the paper is being reviewed.
 Primary: refers to the RDC where the original contract was signed and is defined by the location of the principal investigator.
 Secondary: is defined as other locations where the research activity is taking place.

QRDC Summary of the Number of Contracts Started, Completed and Withdrawn						
	Contracts Started Primary	Contracts Started Secondary	Contracts Completed Primary	Contracts Completed Secondary	Contracts Withdrawn Primary	Contracts Withdrawn Secondary
2008						

QRDC Summary of the Total Number of Researchers For Contracts Started in each Primary and Secondary RDC			
2008 Primary	2008 Secondary	# of International Researchers as of December 31, 2008	Since Inception of the Program as of December 31, 2008
41	0	0	0

Measure and Weighting of Output for the Calendar Year, 2008

QRDC		
Rating	Units	Total
.5	Completed Projects	14
2.0	Books	0
1.0	Edited Book	0
1.0	Book Chapters	0
1.5	Refereed Articles	2
2.0	PhD Theses	2
1.0	Ma & Hon. Theses	6
.5	RDC Data in Conference Presentations or Seminars	7
2.0	RDC Conference Organization	
.5	Working Paper Series Publications.	0
0.5 to 1.0	Organize Conference Sessions, Workshops, Symposia	
2.0	Full Year Graduate Course (6 credits)	0
1.0	Semester Graduate Course (3 credits)	1
1.0	Report Submitted to Policy Group, either Government or Non-Profit Group	0
17.0	Total	

Summary of Substantive Comments on Publications

Summary Report on Major Media Coverage of QRDC Research

Total Summary of Health Related Contracts for the 2008		
Category	Count	% of Total (n=258)
Social Science	32	100
Significant Health Component	4	13
Less dominant Health Component	8	25
Total Health Component	12	38
No Health Component	8	25
Total Number of Projects	32	100

Criterion 3: Training and Employment: Expectations and Achievements

QRDC Summary of Training and Employment 2008				
	Thesis in Progress	Thesis Complete	Other Project	Other Responsibilities
Undergraduate				
Masters		6		
Doctoral		2		
Postdoctoral				
Non-student employees		0		

Summary of QRDC Training and Employment

Criterion 4: QRDC Staff

QRDC Summary Table of Staff 2008		
Roles and Responsibilities	Students	Non-Students
	2008	2008
RDC Analyst	0	1
Technician	0	1
Professional Research Associate	0	0
Consultant	0	0
Administrative Support Staff	0	0
Statistical Assistants (part-time, Branch staff, extra hour employees)	1	0
Knowledge Transfer Activities	0	0
Other(s): Please Specify, Academic Director	0	1
Summary		

Criterion 5: Knowledge Mobilization Activities Organized by the QRDC

2008

A. Nature and Content of Events
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| 1. Analyst presentation to School of Business graduate students. |
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Criterion 8: Summary of Major Objectives, Challenges and Achievements of the QRDC

We continue to achieve our major objectives: providing Queen's researchers with access to RDC data and solid support of their research with high quality infrastructure and expert help from our analyst.

The graduate course Econ 882 offered by Dr. Warman was again a big success. Each year this course leads to several summer essay projects for MA students using the QRDC. This helps sustain the high fraction of our projects that our student-led.

The QRDC and the Department of Economics now hosts the national RDC website. As the only RDC using a "thin client" solution for computing resources it is playing an important role in planning the transition towards a network-wide client-server framework.

Finally, we continue to achieve our objectives at minimal expense, supported by the in-kind transfers from Queen's ITS and Queen's Economics Department.

Criterion 9: Annual Projections

We will as in the previous years. More projects outside of Economics and Policy Studies are coming on line, with several health- and mental health-related projects in the works.

Section Three: RDC Operating Budget: Revenue and Expenses Report for Fiscal Year 2008

Summary of Revenue

QRDC Summary of Revenues April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009	
Period	2008
University	\$38,000.00
SSHRCC	\$ 17,840.88
CIHR (Grant 2001-2005)	0
CIHR	\$ 15,256.87
Other-RDC-NCC	
HRSDC	0
Fee for Service	0
Total Revenue	\$71,097.75

Summary of Expenses

QRDC Summary of Expenses April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009			
	COSTS		
	Direct	In Direct	Total
Statistics Canada Services	\$59,224.50	0 -	\$59,224.50
Director Buy-Out of Time and Responsibilities	\$8,669.00	0	\$8,669.00
Secretarial and Administrative Staff	0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Translation Services	0	0	0
Student Support for Longer Opening Hours	0	0	0
Statistical and Methodological Services	0	0	0
Supplies, Telephone, Security	\$1,177.05	0	\$1,177.05
Computer Software, Supplies and Licenses	\$200.00	0	\$200.00
Computer Assistance	0	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Computer Depreciation and Replacement	\$1,100.79	0	\$1,100.79
Local Governance, Conference, Receptions	\$55.99	0	\$55.00
Workshops, Courses, Training	\$1,651.00	0	\$1,651.00
Travel (not Directors or training)	\$231.20	0	\$231.20
Fellowship, Incentives Grants	0	0	0
Dissemination (Website, Promotion of RDC)	0	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Branch RDC's Annual Costs	0	0	0
Actual Square footage of Centre (not dollars)	900 Square Feet		
Total			

Summary Table of Percentage Contributions April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009		
Institution		Percentage of Contribution
Queen's University		
	Cash Contributions – Operating	46%
	In-kind Contributions	15%
Total Queen's University		61%
SSHRC/CIHR – Grant (2005)		39%