

October 2019

UWO RDC Newsletter



Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm

Tuesday: 9am – 7pm *extended

The RDC will be closed on Monday October 14 for Thanksgiving Day.

A note to our RDC community:

Workstations 10 and 11 have been updated to Windows 10 and are now available for use. These are the first two workstations in the back row. We're currently transitioning all our workstations to Windows 10 so if you notice any issues with Workstation 10 or 11, please let us know.

Starting in September, please direct all RDC related emails to your analysts Tina and Victoria. You can reach us at tluuly@uwo.ca, vgaudin@uwo.ca, or rdc@uwo.ca

2020 National Essay Challenge

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

The IRCC department is launching the 2020 National Essay Challenge (NEC) to support emerging scholars across Canadian universities in policy-relevant research.

The NEC is designed to generate evidence-based insights on IRCC policies. It encourages graduate students to learn more about immigration research and policy, and it raises awareness about the availability of data and supporting resources.

The NEC is open to all disciplines and welcomes empirical research papers related to IRCC's mandate using qualitative or quantitative methodologies. Graduate students with selected essays will be invited to present their research to policy makers in Ottawa (with travel paid) and will receive \$500 towards attendance at an academic conference of their choice.

Deadline to submit your expression of interest: **January 6, 2020.**

If you plan to use Statistics Canada data in the RDC for this essay then you will need to submit your RDC proposal/application by **November 6, 2019.**

For more information about the NEC, please see the attached poster or email us (IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca) to join the 2020 NEC GCcollab group.



2020 National Essay Challenge

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

To promote policy-relevant research by emerging scholars, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is running the 2020 National Essay Challenge for **graduate students** in Canadian universities.

Requirements:

- You **must** be a graduate student enrolled at a Canadian university for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Your essay must be an **empirical research paper**, using qualitative or quantitative methodologies.
- Your essay cannot be co-authored and you **must** have the support of a professor.

How do I enter?

- First, send an email to IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@icc.gc.ca to access the 2020 National Essay Challenge group on GCollab, where you will find information about the requirements of the Challenge.
- Once you are a member of the 2020 National Essay Challenge GCollab group, you will need to submit your expression of interest by **January 6, 2020**.
- If you are planning to access Statistics Canada's Research Data Centres, you will need to have submitted your proposal by **November 6, 2019**.

Selected students will receive:

- an IRCC certificate of achievement;
- an invitation to present their essay in Ottawa at an IRCC Research Matters Event (with travel paid);
- \$500 towards an academic conference.



New Datasets at the RDC

Canadian Vital Statistics Death Database linked to hospitalization information

Statistics Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) are pleased to announce the release of an integrated dataset that can be used to characterize the intensity of end-of-life care in persons with life-threatening conditions and to identify patient, disease and health care factors associated with variations in care intensity and location of death.

As part of its data integration activities, Statistics Canada updated the linked data from the Canadian Vital Statistics Death Database (CVSD) to hospitalization information by adding more years and datasets. The data includes information from the CVSD from 2008 to 2017, and is linked to the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) from 2004/05 to 2017/18, to the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) from 2004/05 to 2017/18 and now to the Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS) from 2006/07 to 2017/18.

2015 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) Nutrition – new component added

The 2015 CCHS Nutrition file has a new additional component: **raw food amount in grams**. Researchers already accessing these data will not need to apply for access to the new component.

There are many datasets available through the RDC. Researchers interested in accessing these datasets are encouraged to submit proposals. Available datasets can be viewed here: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data>.

RDC Tip of the Month: Maintaining a Clean and Healthy Working Environment

The back-to-school season and colder weather increases everyone's risk of getting sick. Please feel free to use the Lysol wipes (provided at the front) to wipe down your mouse, keyboard and working area if you're cautious about getting, or are, sick. Please remember to discard your garbage after your work session and tuck in your chairs when you leave as well. Maintaining a clean and healthy working environment requires the efforts of all researchers ☺

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