



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
TRANSLATIONAL DATA ANALYTICS INSTITUTE

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITIONS: OPEN CALL

The Translational Data Analytics Institute (TDAI) seeks to build a diverse and inclusive Leadership Team. Embracing diversity is a core value of TDAI and speaks to our commitment to represent and honor voices and perspectives that enrich our dialogue and encourage an inclusive, nurturing culture. TDAI follows the definition of diversity as outlined by the University's College of Nursing, which states "diversity as the variety of differences and similarities among people which can include gender, race/ethnicity, tribal/indigenous origins, age, culture, generation, religion, class/caste, language, education, geography, nationality, different abilities, sexual orientation, work style, work experience, job role and function, military involvement, thinking style, personality type and other ideologies."

In that spirit, we are seeking to fill multiple faculty program director positions to co-lead the following research communities of practice (CoP):

- [Computational Health and Life Sciences](#) (Co-Director: Xia Ning)
- [Computational Social Sciences](#) (Co-Directors: Bear Braumoeller and Sean Downey)
- [Foundations of Data Science and AI](#) (Co-Directors: Eric Fosler-Lussier and Yoonkyung Lee)
- [Responsible Data Science](#) (Co-Directors: Dennis Hirsch and Srinivasan Parthasarathy)
- [Smart & Connected Communities and Distributed Sensing](#) (Co-Directors: Anish Arora and Rajiv Ramnath)

Duration: The CoP Program Directors position is a 3-year position. The director may resign with sufficient notice. TDAI may ask the director to step down before the end of the term.

Expectations & Responsibilities: Each CoP will have at least two faculty program directors. The CoP Program Directors will:

- Form a core interdisciplinary group of faculty colleagues that will collaboratively develop and implement **agendas for team science/scholarship and/or educational initiatives**. CoP Program Directors should engage faculty to create a cohesive sense of community and identity within TDAI;
- Help TDAI identify priority federal, corporate and/or nonprofit **extramural funding opportunities** to advance the research agenda and/or educational initiatives of TDAI and the CoP, in partnership with the Institute's Faculty Director, Proposal Development Specialist and other TDAI staff;
- **Convene** the CoP at least twice a semester and discuss issues/needs that will inform Institute programming to foster interdisciplinary scholarship (e.g., interdisciplinary grant proposals, research seminars, data and tool days, ideation sessions, workshops);
- Attend **meetings with the Institute's staff** (collectively referred to as the TDAI Leadership Team) to ensure the faculty perspective and needs are addressed in the Institute's programming and investments, and to leverage TDAI staff in



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implementation of CoP agendas;

- Participate in **Institute-level functions** (e.g., Fall Forum, Town Hall, etc.);
- Actively participate in the Institute's **pilot research funding program** by engaging your faculty community, participating in ideation sessions, and reviewing proposals;
- Serve as **ambassadors for the Institute**, creating strong brand recognition for TDAI on campus and externally (i.e., include TDAI in email signature; self-identify TDAI affiliation at meetings); and
- Serve as a **faculty advisory board member** for TDAI faculty evaluations and Discovery Theme MOU renewal reviews.

Compensation: Each CoP Director will be allocated a discretionary compensation annually, as Institute resources allow.

Resources Available: CoP Program Directors are recognized as part of the TDAI Leadership Team, and will be provided with a letter of recognition. To achieve CoP goals, CoP Program Directors are supported via TDAI resources and staff expertise in the following areas:

- **Academic Programming & Training Programs** – processes for new courses, certificate programs, degree programs; educational outreach programs, including workshops
- **Administrative Support** – scheduling and organizing meetings
- **Workshop, Event Management & Speaker Series Support** – support is available for all CoPs interested in hosting workshops that spark ideas, teams and projects. Our staff will also provide assistance with room reservations and event planning assistance for CoP events, including financial and planning support for a TDAI speaker series that features select CoP speakers.
- **Marketing and Communications** – assistance with marketing collateral and storytelling via the TDAI network, weekly Quick Bits, monthly email newsletter, website, and digital story boards in Pomerene Hall
- **Business Development** – meetings with sponsors from corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations
- **Proposal Planning & Development** – creating funding pipelines; supporting ideation and networking activities; facilitating strategic, interdisciplinary grant proposal development
- **Data Assets** – as they are being developed, access to Data Commons for data management and analytics tools; access to Pomerene-as-a-Living-Lab
- **Data Analytics Services** – as they are being developed, access to data analytics consulting, workflow recommendations, as well as connections to information- and cyberinfrastructure
- **Partnership Development** – leveraging TDAI connections across the university and in the local community
- **Research** – contribute to evaluation of and help guide funding decisions for pilot grants and strategic investments in research and team science/scholarship



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must:

1. Include a vision statement (less than one page)
2. Include the applicant's biosketch
3. Be single-spaced with at least 1/2-inch margins and 11-point type
4. Be submitted as a single PDF to tdai@osu.edu by **5 p.m.** on **Weds., July 28, 2021**

Application:

1. **Faculty:** Name, college and department affiliation(s)
2. **Community-of-Practice:** Indicate the CoP that you are interested in co-leading
3. **Applicant field of study/expertise:** Up to 50-word summary (can be in sentence or bullet point format)
4. **Vision Statement:** (*Less than 1 page*) Indicate what you would like the respective CoP to achieve and how your leadership could facilitate its success. Include in your vision statement how you intend to engage an interdisciplinary community of faculty in the CoP.
5. **Biosketch**
6. **Additional Materials:** (*optional*) Please feel free to include any supplementary materials you feel may be helpful in evaluation of your application (e.g., letters of support)

By signing below, I acknowledge that this request does not present a conflict of interest for me, TDAI or the university.	
Name of Applicant (please print)	
Email	Phone Number
Signature	Date

Evaluation:

The current TDAI leadership team will evaluate proposals and make recommendations to the TDAI Faculty Director, who will make the final decision. The following will be considered when evaluating applications:

1. **Faculty type/rank:** Faculty of all types (tenure-track, clinical, research) and all ranks (Professor, Associate, Assistant) are welcome to apply.
2. The applicant's **field of study/expertise** and how it complements that of the current CoP Co-Director will be considered. (Note: Overlapping expertise with the current CoP co-director will not preclude selection of an applicant.)
3. **Vision Statement** will be evaluated based on (1) alignment with TDAI's [Strategic Plan](#), (2) track record of leadership success, (3) potential to drive team science/scholarship, and (4) [broader impacts](#).

Applicants will be notified of selection decisions in **mid August**.