THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

TRANSLATIONAL DATA ANALYTICS INSTITUTE

TDAI Frequently Asked Questions

1) **What's in it for me as a staff member?**

   TDAI has an active community of scientists, scholars, and educators representing 14 colleges and 35+ disciplines. Staff are invited to contribute to developing data science and analytics programs, resources, and projects that span traditional academic disciplines.

   TDAI provides staff who join many benefits, including:

   - **Communities of Practice (COPs):** TDAI has five research COPs, which are designed to expose members to research in other fields, enable interdisciplinary collaboration, and translate research into useful social applications. New areas may be introduced over time based on faculty interests. Attend a COP meeting to learn more about exciting advances in data analytics!
   - **Priority for Workshops:** TDAI members receive priority for seats on our Data Literacy Series. These workshops cover data training in software (R, Excel, SQL) and data applications ranging from beginner to advanced.
   - **Data Education:** All of the educational opportunities created by TDAI involve partners across campus. As members of TDAI, educators and staff can contribute to the development of new programs and education offerings.
   - **Marketing and Communications:** Members can be featured in newsletters, online news articles, marketing pieces, and on our interactive video wall in Pomerene Hall. TDAI boasts a monthly newsletter, as well as a robust website with information on data tools and resources across campus. Receive special messages about new educational or research opportunities!
   - **Present and Attend TDAI Events:** TDAI hosts a number of events throughout the year that members are encouraged to attend and participate, including presenting a poster at our annual Fall Forum or attending our special lectures/seminars.
   - **Volunteer or Serve:** Many of the events we host are opportunities for you to volunteer. We're always looking for volunteers to help plan, staff, and partner with on our events.

2) **What is the process for TDAI membership?**

   Staff can join TDAI by visiting online at https://tdai.osu.edu/join-tdai/. Click the Join button at the bottom of the page and simply fill out a quick survey with your information. Applicants will be notified via email as soon as their information has been processed.

3) **Can I encourage others to join TDAI. How can they get involved?**

   Yes! Anyone interested in data science and analytics is welcome to join TDAI (online at https://tdai.osu.edu/join-tdai/). Members receive communications from the institute with news, events, and more. Our goal is to build a community of data creators, data users, and data enthusiasts who want to use big data for good.