American University Facilities and Other Resources

Located in northwest Washington, D.C., American University (AU) is a private institution with a high research activity doctoral classification. AU offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate program offerings encompassing 61 bachelor's programs, 54 master's programs, 11 doctoral programs including a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Degree program, and over 50 certificate programs through its seven major schools and colleges. American University's 89-acre campus includes several component campuses: The main campus, the Spring Valley satellite campus and the Washington College of Law. The physical plant of the University includes: 51 buildings, including 10 residence halls and 41 academic and administrative buildings. In addition, AU has several administrative buildings located near the university campus.

The investigator has an office in the School of Public Affairs with office furnishings and phone, access to the Internet, and access to a photocopier, printer and scanner. The PI's department will provide secretarial support and the research assistants will be given space in the same buiding as the PI. The university maintains networked computers and communications network with access to all campus servers and high speed connections to the internet. Wireless connectivity and network security is closely monitored by the Office of Information Technology's engineers. AU faculty members receive a new portable computer with additional equipment every three years. Assistance with computer-related questions or other technology issues is available on a 24 hour basis through the AU IT Help Desk.

The University features several resources that support the infrastructure of teaching, research, and learning including specialized labs in Social Science Research, School of Public Affairs, Mathematics and Statistics and writing. AU also has Zorro – a High Performance Computing (HPC) System that provides high speed data processing and research-dedicated storage capabilities for all academic units. In-depth consultation regarding research design, data safety, management and analysis plans and available statistical packages, including STATA, SAS, and SPSS, is provided at no cost by the Department of Statistics and by the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning (CTRL) lab at AU.

The investigator will have access to the Bender Library at American University. It is a full service scientific library, specializing in the social sciences, congruent with the traditional missions of American University. Students and faculty members have 24-hour access to the Bender Library collections of electronic journals and other research or funding databases, either on-campus or on-line. The Library maintains strong collections in social sciences, and any materials or other resources that cannot obtained through the Bender Library can usually be obtained through the Washington, DC Area Consortium of Libraries, of which American University is a member.

The AU's many research centers enhance opportunities to create synergies among faculty and students to pursue an expansive range of scholarship through the promotion of externally-funded research and graduate student learning. Those centers include: Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, Center on Health, Risk & Society, Info-Metrics Institute, Institute for Innovation in Education, Center for Information Technology & the Global Economy, Kogod Tax Center, Center for Environmental Filmmaking, Center for Social Media, Foreign Correspondence Network, Investigative Reporting Workshop, J-Lab: Institute for Interactive Journalism, Africa Council, ASEAN Studies Center, Center for Research on Collaboratories & Technology Enhanced Learning Communities (COTELCO), Peacebuilding & Development Institute, Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies (CCPS), Center for Environmental Policy, Justice Programs Office, Political Theory Institute, Washington Institute for Public Affairs Research, Women & Politics Institute, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Center for International Commercial Arbitration, Program on Information, Justice, & Intellectual Property (PIJIP), Program on International & Comparative Environmental Law, and War Crimes Research Office.