

Back to Excel: Excel for the Everyday Researcher's Needs

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9:30 am – 5:00 pm

As a researcher, one of the most important skills you need to develop is how to manage and analyze data in the most effective way possible. In this session, you will learn how a variety of built-in Microsoft Excel features can be useful in quickly and efficiently manipulating data to create powerful analyses and visualizations.

Training Pre-requisites

Skills: Basic familiarity with Excel: (e.g., creating workbooks, worksheets, basic menus & toolbars, etc.)

Tools: Laptop with Office 365 or Excel 2016 installed

Preliminary Agenda

❖ Introduction

- Picking the right tool for the job (Excel vs. R/Python/Tableau/Power BI)
- Review basic concepts and features
- Time saving tips

❖ Importing and Cleaning Data

- File types: CSV, TSV, XLS, XLSX
- Field types, data formats
- Functions for cleaning and organizing data

❖ Data Analysis

- Analysis functions
- Pivot tables
- Conditional formatting

❖ Data Storytelling

- Summarizing data using charts and dashboards
- Reporting and presenting data in Excel, Word, or PowerPoint
- Data viz and presentation best practices