NDSU Office of Institutional Research and Analysis
Models for Collaboration with Faculty and Staff

The following two models of collaboration are generally used by NDSU OIRA to assist NDSU faculty and staff in working with NDSU data for institutional improvement or for higher education research.

Option 1: Sharing of modified dataset for faculty/staff use

1. Faculty or staff member defines research question(s), including contextualization necessitating NDSU official data use.
2. OIRA reviews available institutional data, appropriateness of institutional data use, and appropriateness of sharing with requestor.
3. OIRA and faculty or staff member agree on population, research variables, and other variables that will inform research analyses and conclusions.
4. Faculty or staff member completes OIRA internal data sharing agreement.
5. OIRA releases dataset to faculty or staff member for their use per the data sharing agreement.

Option 2: OIRA research study for sharing with faculty/staff and other campus constituents

1. Faculty and staff member defines specific research question(s), including contextualization necessitating NDSU official data use.
2. OIRA reviews available institutional data, appropriateness of institutional data use, and appropriateness of sharing with requestor.
3. OIRA determines population, research variables, and other variables that will inform research analyses and conclusions.
4. OIRA conducts analyses, draws conclusions from data, and writes research report.
5. OIRA shares research report with requestor, as well as with other campus constituents at OIRA's discretion, including Academic Affairs and Student Affairs executives, faculty, staff, and students.