

B. Restatement of Problem Researched

In this proposal, I requested the resources to attend the Statistical Horizons continuing education program titled "Event History & Survival Analysis. Subsequently, I requested that I be allowed to attend a different workshop presented by the same organization. The one I actually attended was titled "Meta-Analysis: Concepts and Applications". At this professional development workshop, I was be able to attend a continuing education program on a topic which is can be highly useful in my research.

C. Brief Review of Research Procedure

I arrived in Philadelphia on Sun Jul 28, 2013.

On Monday, Jul 28, and Tuesday Jul 30, I attended the continuing education program.

On each day, the continuing education program began at 8:00 and continued until 4:00 with a lunch break. The econometrics seminar was taught by Michael Borenstein, author of the most widely circulated book on the subject and creator of the computer program which executes the meta-analysis routines.

D. Summary of Outcomes and Experiences

The seminar was attended by researchers with backgrounds in medicine, the social sciences, and business. I was the only economist there. The techniques were discussed in the context of randomized-controlled experimental research. Most research in economics is not this type. However the instructor told me that it could be applied to situations found in economics research. The course included both the statistical theory that underpins the techniques used and hands-on instructions on how to use the computer program to perform meta-analyses. Since the course attended is shorter and cheaper than the one originally budgeted, this grant has come in significantly under budget and returned \$659 to the professional development budget.

E. Conclusions and Recommendations

The seminar was good. It was taught at a very high level or rigor. The materials provided were very helpful in keeping up with the course and will provide a good source of reference in the future. This technique has revolutionize the level and scientific accuracy that researcher can provide to medical practitioners. I hope that someone may be able to bring this technique into acceptance in economics. If this is the case, then we will be able to similarly revolutionize the level of advice that economic research provides to policymakers. In summary, I believe it was well worth the cost of the seminar.

F. Attachments

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cover sheet of original grant.