

Statistical and Qualitative Software Support Advisory Panel

Funding Models

1. Centralized funding (ideal): Centralized management of University funds to support these software needs insures reliable access for users and greatest benefit for University dollars expended.
 - a. Inflationary increases need to be addressed*Example:* this is the means by which there is campus access to SPSS, SAS
2. Pay-to-Play: The Libraries broker a group purchase among interested parties to take advantage of better pricing. Potentially, the Libraries might be a partner, making it possible to provide subsidized copies for sale.
 - a. If an ongoing license, maintenance fees need to be factored in
 - b. If a one-time purchase, users will have less vendor support or upgrade benefits*Example:* recent group purchase of Stata; the Libraries did purchase copies for eventual sale.
3. NPR: Some departments come together to take advantage of group pricing. The group purchase is sufficient to provide for campus-wide access. Therefore, the contribution of the few to address local needs serves the whole.

Delivery Models

1. Open labs: Basic statistical software packages are made available in Information Services open labs.
Example: Campus-wide license to SPSS makes it possible to make available in all labs.
2. Subsidized copies sold through Audio Visual Services: The Libraries continue to subsidize the sale of individual copies of statistical and qualitative software to students, faculty, and staff (license permitting).
3. Departmental/college labs: Departments/colleges purchase subsidized copies of software to make available in their labs.
Example: SAS is available in the College of Business lab.
4. Library lab (alcove on 1st floor, Main Library) with specialized software: Specialized software (such as AMOS) would be available during library hours on several computers. This would make software often needed for a short-term available for use without necessitating purchase.
5. Loan of laptop with specialized software: The Libraries loan a laptop with specialized software through Audio Visual Services for a set period of time. This would also make software often needed for a short-term available for use without necessitating purchase.