

## *Information for your Consultation with the StatisticsGeek*

### **About me:**

I consult in regard to research methodology and statistics with researchers in many fields, including biomedical, engineering, business, social science, and communications research. I also teach applied statistics at all levels. I am an expert user of SPSS, Stata, SAS, R, and JMP statistical software. I use a wide-variety of software and methods for qualitative analysis. I am also proficient in a number of programs for quantitative content analysis.

### **My Role**

For dissertations, my role is to provide consultation, suggestions, and assistance in regard to your dissertation. You and your committee are responsible for all final content and decisions. If my suggestions differ from those of your committee, or if my suggestions differ from those approved of in your proposal, you should discuss this with your committee.

For other projects, my role can be expanded to include complete services during every phase of your project from design to completion.

### **Research Assistance**

For data entry, review of statistical literature applicable to your topic, creation of tables and figures, editing, and other miscellaneous tasks, I employ highly competent research assistants who can be booked through me. I supervise their work closely. At times, depending upon the complexity of the issues, statistical literature reviews may need to be conducted by me personally or supervised more closely; in general, using my assistant for some tasks keeps your costs down.

### **Data analysis and interpretation**

If you wish to have my assistance with the actual analysis of your dissertation data, my practice is to do this with you present (either in-person or in a web meeting). In this way you will learn all about every aspect of your analysis. This prepares you for your final review or defense. Also, there are often decisions that need to be made in the course of an analysis that require input from you or your committee. Working together facilitates quicker resolution and easier understanding of such questions. Because I work by the hour, I feel it is very important that my clients have control of the time spent on analysis and understand how unexpected issues may increase or decrease the time required to complete an analysis.

For other projects, I can either work with you or independently depending upon your needs.

### **Costs**

My fee is \$125 per hour and the fee for my research assistants is \$75 per hour. I will bill you via PayPal. I encourage you to participate in each and every hour we work for you. If you request work to be done without you present I will ask you for an approved number of hours to work before our next time together – in other words, I don't just leave the meter running! You will be in control of costs as we go along. We can also make many suggestions about what tasks to do on your own to further reduce costs.

Project completion times vary greatly and depend upon the services you choose to engage us for as well as how much work you intend to complete on your own. Also, if your data turn out to be “messy”, as is often the case with archival data, we will need time to clean it up. If you are collecting data on your own we can assist you in creating your database and data analysis plan beforehand so that you can avoid serious issues with “messy” data.

### **Scholarship**

My services are engaged under the assumption that your committee or project partners are aware and approve of the involvement of a consultant in relation to your work. You agree not to represent my ideas or work as your own and to provide proper acknowledgement for my assistance in your dissertation or paper. You also agree not to misrepresent ideas or suggestions I have made or to represent that I have made suggestions that I have not made.

Thank you for choosing the Statistics Geek!