

Independent Faculty Research

As the biostatistical needs of faculty are varied, a number of different approaches that can be considered. Prior to contacting the School of Public Health (SPH) for biostatistical support, a funding mechanism needs to be identified. There are several ways that this can be arranged. Biostatistical support can be paid either on a fee-for-service basis, or by including one of the biostatisticians on your grant proposal.

- a. The faculty member already has an ongoing interaction with a biostatistician, and may be a supported contributor to their grant. In this case, the faculty member can directly contact the biostatistics expert.
- b. In some cases, Departments and Centers at LSUHSC SOM have a mechanism to provide biostatistical support for their faculty. Please first contact the Department/Center business manager to determine if this option is available. Once the funding mechanism has been verified, feel free to contact [SPH Biostatistics](#).
- c. Although the Department/Center may not have a formal relationship, some departments may be willing to provide partial funding for biostatistical analysis. Again, please contact your Department/Center business manager to determine if at least partial support is provided. Once the funding mechanism has been verified, feel free to contact the [SPH Biostatistics](#). For guidance with identifying a statistical consultant at the SPH please contact Dr. Zhide Fang zfang@lsuhsc.edu.
- d. The School of Public Health is interested in fostering biomedical research that leads to research funding. For grant submissions, the SPH recommends that biostatistics expertise be engaged early in the process. This generally involves inclusion of biostatistical personnel on the research proposal. Please contact [SPH Biostatistics](#) to enlist support.