

Faculty,

I am pleased to let you know that USC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Center for Open Science (COS) that will provide training and infrastructure to support research at USC.

The center's *Open Science Framework* (OSF; <http://osf.io>) is a data sharing network that facilitates collaborative research by providing individual researchers a means for centralizing data storage, integration and sharing across the research lifecycle.

Under our agreement, COS will develop a USC portal to OSF, simplifying access and tracking of USC research, as well as enabling simple login through the USC Shibolet authentication system. We will be one of the first institutions to have an OSF portal, which will be available next month.

In addition, the COS, in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Research, will be hosting a workshop titled **Increasing Openness & Reproducibility in Quantitative Research**, to demonstrate practical steps researchers can take to increase openness and reproducibility in quantitative research.

The workshop will be hands-on, using example studies, and attendees will actively participate in creating reproducible projects from start to finish.

We invite you to attend, and also encourage the attendance of postdocs and graduate students.

Date: Monday, May 2, 2016
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Location: USC, University Park Campus
Davis Auditorium - Andrus Gerontology Center
3715 McClintock Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191



Topics covered:

- Project documentation
- Version control
- Pre-analysis plans
- Open source tools like the Center for Open Science [Open Science Framework](#) to easily implement these concepts in a scientific workflow

The speaker: April Clyburne-Sherin is co-head of Center for Open Science training programs for reproducible research methods.

Targeted audience: faculty, graduate students, and postdocs across disciplines, who are engaged in quantitative research. This may also include staff whom conducts research, manages researchers, or has an interest in how research is conducted.

It is recommended attendees bring their own laptop in order to fully participate.

RSVP: <http://www.usc.edu/esvp> (code: COS)