**Application – Social Data Analytics Graduate Program**

To apply for the graduate program in Social Data Analytics (SoDA), please provide the following materials to the SoDA Graduate Staff Coordinator (Kristy Boob, [kmc248@psu.edu](mailto:kmc248@psu.edu)):

* Answers to the accompanying questions (either in a separate electronic document, or as an edited version of this Word document, using extra space as necessary).
* An email, as soon as possible, stating: *I hereby authorize my current [proposed] major PhD program to provide the Program in Social Data Analytics with a copy of my Penn State graduate school application materials and Penn State academic records, for purpose of admissions review by the Social Data Analytics Program Director and Program Committee*.

For information on eligibility, curriculum, and other requirements of the Social Data Analytics graduate program, please visit <http://bdss.psu.edu/soda> .

**1. SoDA Program applied to (check one)**

\_\_ Ph.D. in Human Development & Family Studies and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Ph.D. in Informatics and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Ph.D. in Statistics and Social Data Analytics

\_\_ Doctoral Minor in Social Data Analytics

Please note that students cannot be admitted to a dual-title PhD program prior to admission to a participating major PhD program (HDFS, Informatics, Political Science, Sociology, or Statistics), or after having passed candidacy in that program.

Please note that students cannot be admitted to the doctoral minor prior to admission to a Penn State PhD program, or after have passed comprehensive exams in that program.

**2. General Information**

Name:

Date:

Current (or proposed) Penn State PhD program and start date:

PSU ID:

Contact (email & phone):

Adviser (name & contact):

**3. Related Background**

Please summarize prior training and experience in each area. We anticipate and understand that most students will have minimal background in one or more areas.

**Social science**

Please summarize prior training or experience in one or more of the social sciences. (Students in social science disciplines please indicate only areas of specialty.)

**Statistics**

Please summarize prior training or experience in theoretical or applied statistics. (Students in the STAT PhD program, please indicate only areas of specialty.)

**Computational and informational sciences**

Please summarize prior training or experience in the computational or informational sciences. (Students in CSE or IST PhD program, please indicate only areas of specialty.)

**Visual**

Please summarize prior training or experience in visual analytics, visualization, human-computer interaction, data representation, design, or associated visual or cognitive sciences.

**Other “Data Science” or “Analytics”**

Please summarize any prior training or experience with “data science” or “data analytics” that has not been addressed above.

**4. Statement of Interest**

Please provide a statement of interest (of no more than two pages) indicating why you wish to pursue the SoDA dual-title Ph.D. or doctoral minor.