Fondren Library’s Resources in My Third-year Research Paper

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I would like to express my great appreciation to Rice University Fondren Library for providing data and resources in the completion of my third-year research paper. A third-year original solo-authored research paper is a requirement in the finance PhD program. Fondren’s resources help me greatly during the whole process of the project, from finding a research topic to running data, to empirical test design, and to drafting the paper. The following is a detailed description of the help I get from Fondren library.

First, most of reference papers in the literature review are downloaded in the Fondren library e-journal database. This serves as the first most important stage of my research project in helping me identify the right research topic, research questions, and the finding the gap in literature. The e-journal database I used include but not limited to The Journal of Finance, JSTOR, Factivia, etc.

Second, when I need to examine some major concepts in my paper from some books, I was able to borrow them from the Circulation and Reserves desk. When Fondren doesn’t have the book, the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) was able to help me borrow books I need from other libraries. The librarians are also helpful in helping me identify the right places to go to.

Third, once I identify the right research question, I start getting the data to test the hypothesis. Provided by both the Rice Fondren library and the business school, I was able to get stock returns, volumes, firm’s financial data, and public news data.

Fourth, in the drafting stage of my paper, I was able to get help from Center for Written, Oral and Visual Communication. I made appointment with one of the consultants and he offered me lots of good advice in structuring and wording about my paper. Furthermore, the Fondren Library workshop in Zotero helps me greatly in making the bibliography in my paper.

I submitted and presented my third-year paper in October 2017, and I successfully passed the presentation. Overall, I would not have completed this paper successfully without the help and resources from Fondren library. I would like to say thank you again.