Advanced Excel for Research Data Management and Pivot Tables Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master Advanced Excel functions for effective research data analysis
2. Learn best practices for handling sensitive research data securely
3. Apply Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts to visualize confidential datasets
4. Explore data privacy and ethics in sensitive topic research
5. Develop data cleaning and transformation techniques for high-risk data
6. Utilize conditional formatting and data validation for error-proof datasets
7. Manage large datasets efficiently with dynamic Excel tools
8. Integrate Excel formulas for statistical analysis in sensitive research
9. Build interactive dashboards to present delicate data safely
10. Perform scenario and what-if analysis using Excel tools
11. Understand data anonymization and encryption in Excel
12. Apply case-based learning to real-world sensitive research contexts
13. Improve reporting skills for stakeholder communication and publication

Target Audiences

1. Academic Researchers
2. NGO and Human Rights Data Analysts
3. Public Health Professionals
4. Social Scientists
5. Monitoring & Evaluation Experts
6. Graduate Students in Research Fields
7. Policy Makers and Advisors
8. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Members

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Researching Sensitive Topics in Excel

- Understanding sensitive data categories
- Ethical considerations in data collection
- Structuring Excel workbooks for sensitive data
- Introduction to Excel functions relevant to research
- Risks in handling sensitive datasets
- **Case Study:** Structuring a mental health survey dataset

Module 2: Advanced Data Cleaning Techniques

- Removing duplicates and irrelevant data
- Handling missing or inconsistent values
- Using text functions to clean qualitative data
- Applying filters and sorting for clarity
- Automating cleaning with Power Query
- **Case Study:** Cleaning gender-based violence (GBV) data

Module 3: Data Validation and Integrity

- Setting up data validation rules
- Using conditional formatting for error detection
- Protecting data using worksheet protection tools
- Creating dropdown lists for standardization
- Implementing form controls
- **Case Study:** Building validated entry forms for child abuse reporting

Module 4: Analyzing Data with Pivot Tables

- Creating Pivot Tables from complex data
- Grouping, filtering, and sorting sensitive variables
- Customizing Pivot Table reports
- Calculating percentages and frequencies
- Using slicers and timelines
- **Case Study:** Analyzing health clinic records with Pivot Tables

Module 5: Visualizing Sensitive Data

- Choosing appropriate chart types for sensitive topics
- Creating Pivot Charts
- Designing interactive dashboards
- Ensuring privacy in visualizations
- Using sparklines and trendlines
- **Case Study:** Dashboard for suicide prevention program data

Module 6: Data Anonymization and Protection

- Techniques for anonymizing sensitive data
- Encrypting Excel files and workbooks
- Removing identifiers from datasets
- Using Excel macros to automate anonymization
- Backing up and archiving securely
- **Case Study:** Anonymizing HIV patient datasets for publication

Module 7: Scenario and What-If Analysis for Sensitive Topics

- Introduction to scenario planning
- Using Goal Seek and Solver for projections
- Analyzing potential outcomes of policy changes
- Data-driven decision making
- Excel templates for risk assessment
- **Case Study:** Scenario modeling for domestic violence intervention impact

Module 8: Reporting and Presenting Research Findings

- Creating clear, ethical data reports
- Using Excel templates for policy briefs
- Exporting and printing sensitive datasets
- Collaborating via protected shared workbooks
- Visual storytelling for sensitive findings
- **Case Study:** Creating a research report on trauma recovery programs

Training Methodology

- Hands-on exercises with real datasets

- Guided demonstrations using Excel 365 tools
- Case study analysis and group discussions
- One-on-one coaching during lab sessions
- Interactive quizzes and feedback assessments

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

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