CPRDC

Central Plains Research Data Center

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This Call is for researchers at Iowa State University (ISU), the University of Iowa (UI), and the University of South Dakota (USD) to submit a short two-page seed award proposal that will provide funding for graduate students to assist faculty researchers in the development of a full research protocol for gaining access to the restricted-use microdata available through the Central Plains Research Data Center (CPRDC). Alongside the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (UNL), ISU, UI, and USD are consortium partners in the CPRDC.

The CPRDC is a secure facility located at UNL operated in cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau and part of the Federal Statistical Research Data network. Through the CPRDC researchers can gain access to confidential micro-level data in finer detail than that available in public use data sets. Examples include:

- Demographic data sets such as the American Community Survey, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), and National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) are available.
- Business, economic and finance data sets such as the Censuses of businesses by industry, the Business Register and link to COMPUSTAT, the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), and the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) dataset.
- Health data sets such as the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) and the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

Available data are from surveys and other sources collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and other federal agencies.

The CPRDC website (http://cba.unl.edu/outreach/central-plains-federal-statistical-research-data-center/) provides valuable information on available datasets and the process of submitting full research proposals to Census.

Researchers are expected to use CPRDC seed awards to hire a graduate student research assistant (GRA) in their own department. GRAs are envisioned to be able to assist in a variety of ways, including but not restricted to:

- Identifying specific datasets and variables of interest
- Identifying potential linkages among different datasets
- Development of hypotheses and analytic plans
- Advising on issues of weighting and sampling
- Drafting research protocols

Successful two-page proposals for GRA funding must contain the following:

- A general statement of research interest and why access to restricted data are essential for addressing this research interest, beyond what is available in public release data.

- If the research interest involves Census data, a statement on the criteria that the research project is expected to address that will be of benefit to the Census (please see http://www.census.gov/ces/pdf/Writing_Benefit_Statements.pdf)
- The specific tasks that will be required of a GRA.
- A budget and timeline that specifies the amount of funding requested to support the work of a GRA (maximum of $10,000, including benefits) and the amount of time expected for the delivery of a research proposal to access data available via the CPRDC.
- The identification of at least one funding agency and a specific program within that agency that are likely to support an award that fully or partially includes analyses of restricted-use microdata.

The expectation is that seed awards will lead to a protocol that is accepted by a participating federal agency to conduct work in the CPRDC facility located at UNL. Once a protocol is accepted by a participating federal agency, additional funds will be made available for travel to the CPRDC facility at UNL. Hence, DO NOT INCLUDE estimates for travel costs to UNL in your seed proposal budget.

For more information, contact John Anderson, CPRDC Executive Director, at janderson4@unl.edu, (402) 472-1190 or Robert Belli, Chair, CPRDC Steering Committee, at bbelli2@unl.edu, (402) 472-3721.

Please submit two-page proposals by ~~March 31, 2018~~ to CPRDC@unl.edu. Decisions on awards are expected to be made by June 15, 2018. August 1, 2018

For additional information on Census datasets, please visit http://www.census.gov/ces/dataproducts/restricted_data.html .

For additional information on NCHS datasets, and the application process, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/rdc/b1datatype/dt122.htm

http://www.cdc.gov/rdc/B2AccessMod/ACs220.htm , and

http://www.cdc.gov/rdc/b3prosal/pp300.htm.

For additional information on the AHRQ application process and available datasets, please visit https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/onsite_datacenter.jsp .