

Call for Papers

Panel Study of Income Dynamics Annual User Conference 2017

Conference Theme: PSID's 50th Anniversary

Deadline for submissions: 6 February 2017

Conference dates: 14–15 September 2017

Purpose

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), with support from the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Science Foundation, announces a call for papers for the 2017 PSID Annual User Conference. The conference has a special theme: **PSID's 50th anniversary**, which will occur in 2018. The conference will include a number of commissioned papers, but also welcomes submissions on any topic, from researchers in any field, related to PSID that cover the study's history, place findings from PSID within their broader national and international context, document contributions of PSID's major supplements, review key research or policy contributions of PSID, or otherwise highlight the significance of PSID and studies based on the PSID data over the past half century. Submissions that include new data analyses are welcome, particularly if they illustrate the value of the breadth and duration of PSID.

At least one journal special issue is planned on the conference theme; all submissions accepted for the conference will be considered for the journal special issue(s).

The submission deadline is 6 February 2017. A total of 20 to 25 papers will be accepted for the conference. The conference will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 14–15 September 2017. Travel and lodging expenses will be available for one author per accepted paper. Meals will be provided to all conference participants.

The general goal of the PSID Annual User Conference is to provide new and experienced researchers with a forum to present preliminary results, to obtain comments and feedback from experienced PSID data users and PSID study staff, to facilitate future collaborations including NIH and NSF proposal submissions, to learn about new PSID data, and to provide feedback to PSID about study content and/or future data collections.

Background

PSID is a longitudinal survey of a nationally-representative sample of U.S. families that began in 1968. Data have been collected on the same families and their descendants for 39 waves over 47 years through 2015. Data from Core PSID through 2013 are currently available through the PSID Online Data Center and an early release file from the 2015 Core PSID was made available in January 2016.

There are several major supplements to Core PSID. The PSID Child Development Supplement (CDS) collects information on children in PSID families. The original CDS was based on a cohort of children aged 0–12 years in 1997; beginning with CDS-2014, information is being collected on all children in PSID families who were born after 1997. An early release file from CDS-2014 was made available in the summer of 2016. The PSID Transition into Adulthood Supplement (TAS) has been conducted biennially from 2005 to 2015; it collects information on the original CDS cohort during their young adult years. The 2013 PSID Family Rosters and Transfers Module collected information about living parents and adult children of respondents, along with recent and long-term transfers of time and money with these family members. Two rounds of the PSID Disability and Use of Time (DUST) supplement were conducted in 2009 and 2013; DUST collected information from older adults in PSID families about disability, time use, and well-being. The 2014 PSID Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study (CRCS) collected information from PSID adult respondents about their childhood experiences. The 2016 PSID Wellbeing and Daily Life supplement collected information from PSID adult respondents on three main topics: wellbeing, personality traits, and everyday skills.

PSID's innovative design, broad content, and long duration have been central to understanding many key research and policy issues, including: income and poverty dynamics; demographic behavior such as marriage, cohabitation, and teen childbearing; child development; cyclical behavior of wages, labor supply, and consumption; savings and wealth accumulation; disparities in health status, health behaviors including obesity, exercise, and smoking, and mortality; intergenerational transmission of socioeconomic status; post-secondary education, career choices, and early labor market activities; the effects of the 'Great Recession' on education, household formation, and other key indicators of the transition to adulthood; long-term consequences of policy interventions; and migration, residential change, and the effects of neighborhoods. The growing number of three- and four-generation families is now able to support important new analyses of multigenerational associations. Across these and other topics, research based on PSID data highlights the importance of a lifecourse approach, in which factors earlier in life have lasting influences on outcomes, including health and mortality, later in life. Research on these topics or any other topic based on PSID or any of its supplements is appropriate for the conference.

Complete information on the data collected in Core PSID and all of the PSID supplements and components is available through the PSID website: www.psidonline.org.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by senior scholars affiliated with PSID based upon several factors, including:

- The substantive or methodological motivation for the study;
- The quality of study design, including the choice of appropriate research methodology and data; and
- The significance of the submission in terms of extending scientific knowledge.

Submissions will also be chosen to provide a balance of topics, disciplines, and the different PSID data sets being used.

Submission Instructions

The submission webpage is: <https://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/conference/registration/>

The following items are required to be submitted through the webpage:

1. An online form with:
 - The name, email address, telephone number, institution, and curriculum vitae for the corresponding author and all coauthors;
 - The title of the paper;
2. An abstract (1,000 words or less) which should include a description of the topic to be studied, the theoretical focus, and the data and research methods.

Timeline and important dates

Event	Date
a. Submission deadline	6 February 2017
b. Notification of decisions	28 February 2017
c. Conference in Ann Arbor	14–15 September 2017

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