

## Call for Proposals: Small Grants for Research Using PSID Data

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### Purpose

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), with support from the National Institute on Aging, announces a small grant competition. The competition will fund 4-8 scholars in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000 each to use PSID to conduct **research to understand life course influences on later life health and wellbeing**. Funded projects will generate papers that will be presented, along with other invited posters and presentations, at a conference to be held in **June 2017** in Ann Arbor.

### Background

The PSID began in 1968 with a nationally representative sample of over 18,000 individuals living in 5,000 families in the United States. One person per family is interviewed on a regular basis. Annual interviews were conducted from 1968 through 1997; since then, interviews have been biennial. Survey content changes to reflect evolving scientific and policy priorities, although many content areas are consistently measured since 1968. Topics include employment, income, wealth, consumption, education, family transfers, health, mortality, and numerous other topics.

The ability to study life course influences on health and wellbeing outcomes later in life with the PSID has been enhanced substantially in recent years. First, beginning in 2007 PSID has asked about the childhood health of household heads and spouses. Second, in 2013 PSID collected a retrospective supplement on childhood circumstances called the Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study (CRCS). The supplement, described in a web tutorial [here](#), collected from household heads and spouses/partners retrospective information about parental relationship quality, health conditions, socioeconomic status, neighborhood quality, friendships, school experiences, exposure to the criminal justice system, parent/guardian mental health, as well as young adult mentoring. Third, PSID's 2013 Disability and Use of Time (DUST) Supplement, described in a web tutorial [here](#), collected detailed information on the functioning and wellbeing of older adults in PSID. In addition, [information on PSID decedents](#) linked to data from the National Death Index and [Medicare claims](#) are available under contract.

## **Focus of Competition**

The goals of this competition are to bring together scholars interested in how circumstances in childhood and over the life course shape later life health and wellbeing. Proposals that seek to analyze PSID's Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study are especially encouraged. Outcomes of particular interest include health conditions, health behaviors, mortality, health care utilization, health insurance, disability, and wellbeing.

## **Terms of Funding**

1. Applicants for the PSID small grant competition must hold a Ph.D. from an accredited institution and have an appointment as faculty, research scientist, professor, investigator, or postdoctoral fellow.
2. Grants will start May 1, 2016 and end August 31, 2017. No-cost time extensions will not be allowed.
3. The PSID will fund reasonable research expenses, including salary for each investigator, data or software purchases, research assistance, and relevant supplies, to a maximum of \$20,000 (direct + indirect) cost. Conference travel expenses will be provided to all grantees separate from the amount of their award.
4. Award recipients will be expected to present papers at a conference in Ann Arbor, MI June, 2017.
5. Award recipients will be expected to submit a brief preliminary progress report on or before August 31, 2016 and a final progress report on or before August 31, 2017.
6. Any articles accepted for publication that result from the award must acknowledge support from the PSID through a grant from the National Institute on Aging (P01AG029409) and be submitted to the NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) website at <https://www.nihms.nih.gov/> in order to obtain a PMCID.

## **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated by senior scholars affiliated with the PSID. Proposals will be evaluated based upon several factors, including:

- The thematic relevance of the proposed project;

- The quality of study design, including the choice of appropriate research methodology and data;
- The feasibility of the proposed study to be completed during the grant period;
- The significance of the proposed analyses in terms of extending knowledge;
- The likelihood of the study to generate an externally funded proposal submission (e.g., NIH R01, R03, R21).

### **Application Instructions**

Applicants should provide the following:

1. A coversheet with:

- The title of the proposed research;
- The investigators' name and institutional affiliation with mailing address, email address, phone and fax numbers;
- If the proposed research involves more than one investigator, a principal investigator (PI) must be identified. All correspondence will be with the PI.

2. A one-page abstract describing the specific aims and data and methods of the proposed study.

3. Description of the proposed project in 3-5 double-spaced pages (excluding figures and references). The description should (1) clearly describe specific aims and research significance; (2) **very** briefly summarize the relevant literature; (3) present major hypotheses; (4) describe the research design, proposed methodology, and data sources; and (5) clearly indicate the scientific contributions of the proposed study. Long literature reviews should not be submitted. Particular emphasis should be given to items (3), (4), and (5).

4. An itemized proposed budget and a budget narrative that describes and explains each line item.

Please detail each funding item requested. Appropriate research expenses include:

- Research assistance;
- Salary for each investigator;
- Purchase of data or software;
- Pertinent supplies.

5. A project timeline listing specific milestones for study completion. The timeline must be within the period from May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

6. *Curriculum vitae* for all investigators.

7. Human subjects review approval (often a waiver in the case of secondary data analysis) is required for all projects before funding can be dispersed.

**Timeline and important dates:**

a. Application deadline	February 2, 2016
b. Notification of award	March 1, 2016
c. Award start date	May 1, 2016
d. Preliminary progress report due	August 31, 2016
e. Paper due	May 26, 2017: Two weeks prior to the conference
f. Present paper at workshop in Ann Arbor	June, 2017
g. Final progress report due	August 31, 2017

**Contact information:**

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For more information on the PSID, please visit the website: <http://www.psidonline.org>

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