

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 \$10,000-\$20,000 each to use PSID to conduct research using new data on intergenerational transfers, extended family connections, and time use. Funded projects will generate papers that will be presented, along with other invited posters and presentations, at a two-day conference to be held **June 9-10, 2016**.

Background

The PSID has followed the same families and their descendants since 1968, for 38 waves as of 2013, making it one of the premier datasets for generational and family analysis. When study participants leave a family to start their own household, such as when adult children move out, the new family unit is added to the Core Panel and interviewed. Anytime a household has a new member, such as a birth, they automatically become part of the study. This sample design supports intergenerational and life course models.

The ability to study intergenerational issues with the PSID was enhanced substantially with the recent addition of two resources. First, the 2013 wave of the PSID included a new Family Roster and Transfer Module that collected data on the living parents and adult children of respondents and their spouses/partners. These data for family members include age, educational attainment, marital/partner status, number of children, and other family characteristics, as well as respondent reports of any recent or long-term transfers of time and money to and from them. These data are more fully described on the PSID website, and the initial release of these data is available [here](#). A version of these data that will be linkable to the 2013 wave of the PSID is expected to be released late summer 2015.

Second, in 2009 and again in 2013, PSID fielded a supplement on Disability and Use of Time (DUST) with older adults in the panel. Over 1500 daily diaries were collected by telephone from a sample of nearly 400 older couples in 2009. In 2013, over 3500 diaries were collected from nearly 1800 older adults (including their spouses/partners if

married/cohabiting). The [2009 data](#) and an initial release of the [2013 data](#) are available on the PSID website along with a fuller description of the data.

Goals of Competition

The goals of this competition are to bring together scholars using the new data described above to generate scientific and policy-relevant findings. Proposals may request support to analyze either PSID's 2013 Family Roster and Transfer Module or the 2009 / 2013 Disability and Use of Time supplements or both.

Data from these new PSID components will allow researchers to investigate how parents and offspring use the scarce resources of time and money to alleviate economic distress and help family members with disabilities. The list of scientific questions that can be addressed is long, particularly when these new data are combined with the rich array of social, economic, and health data on individuals and their family members that have been collected during the prior 45 years of the PSID. Because respondents and their family members have been interviewed in the past and will continue to be interviewed into the future, these data provide new opportunities to investigate how past circumstances influence transfers of time and money and how family characteristics and behavior reported in the 2013 modules influence subsequent social and economic outcomes.

These new data also allow researchers to describe the intergenerational structure of American families both within and across households and the transfers that family members make to one another across adult ages. These data also allow researchers to investigate how health and economic circumstances of parents and children are correlated with transfers and whether these patterns differ by life stage, demographic characteristics, and intergenerational family structure. Finally, they allow researchers to explore the role of familial influences in time use and wellbeing of older adults.

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, 2015 and end August 31, 2016. 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 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 two-day conference in Ann Arbor, MI June 9-10, 2016.

5. Award recipients will be expected to submit a brief preliminary progress report on or before August 31, 2015 and a final progress report on or before August 31, 2016.

6. Any articles accepted for publication that result from the award must 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, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

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	March 2, 2015
b. Notification of award	March 23, 2015
c. Award start date	May 1, 2015
d. Preliminary progress report due	August 31, 2015
e. Paper due	May 26, 2016: Two weeks prior to the conference
f. Present paper at two-day workshop in Ann Arbor	June 9-10, 2016
g. Final progress report due	August 31, 2016

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For more information on the PSID, please visit the website: www.psidonline.org

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