

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

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**DEADLINE: November 1, 2016**

### **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 4-6 scholars in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000 each to use PSID to conduct **research to understand life course influences on late-life health and wellbeing**. Funded projects will generate papers that will be presented, along with other invited presentations, at a conference to be held **June 23, 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. 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, since 2007 PSID has asked about the childhood health of household heads and spouses. Second, in 2014 PSID collected a retrospective supplement on childhood circumstances. Third, the PSID's 2013 Supplement on Disability and Use of Time collected detailed information on the functioning and wellbeing of older adults in PSID. Fourth, in 2016 PSID collected a supplement on Wellbeing in Daily Life, which included information on evaluative and experienced wellbeing, personality (including replication of items from 1972), and cognitive status. In addition, information on PSID decedents linked to data from the National Death Index are available under contract.

### **Focus of Competition**

The goals of this competition are to bring together scholars interested in how circumstances over the life course shape later life health and wellbeing. Proposals that

seek to analyze PSID's Wellbeing and Daily Life Supplement, Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study, and Disability and Use of Time supplement are especially encouraged. Outcomes of particular interest include health conditions, health behaviors, mortality, 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 December 1, 2016 and end November 30, 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 total 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 23, 2017.
5. Award recipients will be expected to submit a brief preliminary progress report on or before August 31, 2017 and a final progress report on or before November 30, 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 (e.g. a primary focus on health and/or wellbeing of older adults);
- 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; and
- The significance of the proposed analyses in terms of extending knowledge;

### **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 2-4 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 December 1, 2016 through November 30, 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	November 1, 2016
b. Notification of award	November 15, 2016
c. Award start date	December 1, 2016
d. Paper due	June 9, 2017: Two weeks prior to the conference
e. Present paper at workshop in Ann Arbor	June 23, 2017
f. Preliminary progress report due	August 31, 2017
g. Final progress report due	November 30, 2017

**Contact information:**

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For more information on the PSID, please visit the website: [www.psidonline.org](http://www.psidonline.org)

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