

# Guidelines and procedures for ODISSEI Microdata programs 2019

## Introduction

ODISSEI (Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations) is developing a sustainable scientific infrastructure for the social sciences in the Netherlands. Via ODISSEI, researchers in the social sciences have access to large-scale and longitudinal data collections that are linked together. This virtual network makes it possible to answer new, transdisciplinary research questions and to research existing questions in a new way.

ODISSEI is a collective initiative of project managers from large-scale data collections, CBS and NWO, and is part of the National Roadmap Large-Scale Research Infrastructure 2016-2020. Led by Professor Pearl Dykstra, Professor of Empirical Sociology at Erasmus University Rotterdam, the national data infrastructure is being realised through the collective efforts of multiple partners.

With ODISSEI, the social sciences in the Netherlands are taking an essential step towards a sustainable, large-scale infrastructure in which data are collected, linked and made available. This makes it possible to address questions in areas like migration, employment, safety and health from various disciplines.

ODISSEI is making a remuneration available to its participants that make use of CBS Microdata. This ODISSEI Microdata programs are being provided as a contribution towards the costs for using CBS Microdata.

ODISSEI has two Microdata programs:

1. [ODISSEI Microdata Access Discount \(MAD\)](#), providing a discount for all participants.
2. [ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant \(MAG\)](#), providing free access to five researchers.

For 2019, the budget available for the Access Discount is €65,000 per quarter. The budget available for the Access Grant is € 40,000.

## ODISSEI Microdata Access Discount (MAD)

### Who can apply

The ODISSEI Microdata Access Discount (MAD – previously Microdata Regulation) is aimed at researchers working at an [ODISSEI participant](#).

The program applies to projects that participants carry out within their own research programme, which is the case for research funded by direct and indirect government funding from the Dutch government (‘eerste en tweede geldstroom’) as well as research projects funded by the European Commission and comparable. Projects carried out for and/or paid by an external client are not eligible. The project agreement between the contracting institution and CBS must be sent together with the registration form.

### When you can apply

The application for discount must be submitted no later than the last day of the relevant invoice period used by CBS. Deadlines for 2019 are:

1st and 2nd quarter:	30 June 2019
3rd quarter:	30 September 2019
4th quarter:	31 December 2019

Once an application is approved it automatically applies for the subsequent periods.

### What contribution will be paid

Funding will be deducted from the CBS invoice to the ODISSEI participant.

The amount contributed per user is a percentage of the fees, with a maximum of 50%. At the end of each invoice period CBS shall calculate the total costs of all participants and the percentage contribution for all of those making use of the program will be determined.

A usage maximum of twice the institute’s (participant’s) yearly contribution fee to ODISSEI is applied.

The program applies to funding for the use of all sections of the CBS Service Catalogue Microdata Services, with the exception of:

- a. Commissioning CBS to compile files not yet available in the catalogue from source data/register data available at CBS;
- b. Commissioning CBS to combine catalogue files that are already available.

## Submission procedure

Proposals can be submitted via a short [online submission form](#).

## Assessment procedure

Participants receive a submission confirmation. Applications will be assessed by the Management Board within a month after the deadline. The conditions for eligibility are stated in the 'Who can apply' paragraph. The discount will automatically be granted to all projects obeying the conditions of the programme.

## Approved submissions

A list with approved submissions will be published on the ODISSEI site.

Work that was funded by ODISSEI should contain a reference to ODISSEI:

*The research for this publication was partly funded by the Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations (ODISSEI) in the Netherlands ([www.odissei-data.nl](http://www.odissei-data.nl)).*

## Contact

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## ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant (MAG)

### Who can apply

Every year, with 2019 as pilot year, the ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant (MAG) provides five researchers at an [ODISSEI participant](#) with free Microdata access. Early career researchers in particular are invited to submit their proposal.

### When you can apply

The application must be submitted no later than 30 April 2019. The project should start in the second half of 2019.

### What contribution will be paid

There is budget available for free Microdata access for five projects. The budget of (maximally) € 8,000 per project would typically cover a project for two researchers, half a year in duration and access to about ten different datasets. For price examples, please consult CBS's brochure "[Your research, our data](#)".

Costs exceeding this budget e.g. due to extension or prolongation of the project will have to be covered by the applicants or their institute.

### Submission procedure

Proposals can be submitted via an [online application form](#). Proposals must:

- be written in English
- contain a short CV of the researcher(s)
- be specific about requested Microdata (see the [CBS data catalogue](#)).
- contain the research questions and a scientific motivation.

Proposals should be typically between three and five pages long, excluding CV's.

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

## Assessment procedure

Participants receive a submission confirmation. CBS assesses the proposals for eligibility of the [CBS criteria for access to Microdata](#) and for the feasibility at a global level of answering the research questions [with CBS data](#). After this, an assessment committee will evaluate the proposals within 2–3 months after the deadline, based on the following criteria:

### 1. Originality and incremental value (40%)

- Does the proposal contain new and/or significant research questions that are adequate to justify the use of CBS data?
- Does the proposal clearly convey the incremental value of the study?
- In case of a replication: Is the replication well justified in the light of the available empirical evidence?

### 2. Relationship to the literature (20%)

- Does the proposal demonstrate an adequate understanding and synthesis of the relevant literature in the field?
- Are the research aims clearly stated and well supported by relevant literature?

### 3. Methodology (20%)

- Is the research methodology appropriate and robust for meeting the research aims?
- Are the methods of data analysis robust as well as explained clearly and adequately?

### 4. Implications for research, practice, and/or society (20%)

- What is the target publishing outlet?
- Does the proposal identify clearly any implications for research, practice, and/or society?
- Are these implications consistent with the other parts of the proposal?
- Does the research make use of other ODISSEI data infrastructures?

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