ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant (MAG)
Call for Proposals 2020

ODISSEI (Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations) is developing a sustainable scientific infrastructure for the social sciences in the Netherlands. Through ODISSEI, researchers in the social sciences have access to large-scale and longitudinal data collections that are linked together, among which a wide range of administrative microdata at CBS. This makes it possible to answer new, transdisciplinary research questions and to research existing questions in a new way, areas like migration, employment, education, innovation, safety and health.

The Microdata Access Grant (MAG) is a programme that provides free access to CBS Microdata for five researchers working at an ODISSEI member organisation. General information about CBS Microdata Services can be found at www.cbs.nl/microdata. Researchers considering submitting a proposal are welcome to consult CBS Microdata Services through microdata@cbs.nl to obtain more detailed information on available data, feasibility of the project as anticipated, costs and further conditions.

Who can apply

Every researcher affiliated with one of the ODISSEI member organisations can apply for the MAG. 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 2020, 23:59 CE(S)T. The project should start in the second half of 2020.

What can be applied for

There is a budget available for free Microdata access for 8 projects. The budget of (maximally) € 7.500 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. For use of some data in the CBS catalogue (e.g. DHD) additional costs may apply. Also these costs need to be covered by the applicants or their institute.

How to submit a proposal

Proposals must:

- be submitted via the online application form no later than on 30 April 2020, 23:59 CE(S)T.
- be written in English
- contain name, address, affiliation and short CV with main publications of the researcher(s) (if applicable)
- be as specific as possible about requested Microdata (see the CBS data catalogue (in Dutch))
- contain the research questions and a scientific motivation
- meet the CBS conditions for access to Microdata

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

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 independent and interdisciplinary assessment committee will evaluate the proposals based on the criteria given below. After that the Management Board of ODISSEI will take the final decision.

Criteria

1. Originality (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 innovative and original nature 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 and 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?

Approved submissions

We aim to announce the award decision by 30 June 2020. Successful applicants are kindly requested to provide feedback on dissemination materials (website and newsletter content) featuring the methods and results of the study that received ODISSEI funding.

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).*

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We look forward to receiving your proposal!