

ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant (MAG) Call for Proposals 2022

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 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, in areas like migration, employment, education, innovation, safety and health.

This Microdata Access Grant (MAG) call offers funding for seven CBS Microdata projects for researchers working at ODISSEI [member organisations](#).

General information about CBS Microdata Services and the catalogue of the available data 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 employed by one of the [ODISSEI member organisations](#) can apply for the MAG grant. Early career researchers in particular are invited to submit their proposal.

When you can apply

The application must be submitted no later than **10 May 2022, 15:00 CE(S)T**. The project needs to start in the second part of 2022.

What can be applied for

There is a budget available for Microdata access for 7 MAG 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. Dutch Hospital Data (DHD), (Vektis) health insurance data) additional costs and access procedures may apply. These additional costs also need to be covered by the applicants or their institute and cannot be claimed from the MAG budget.



The MAG grant covers the cost of starting a new project, and cannot be used for financing of an already existing project.

Making the most of your project through other ODISSEI facilities

Applicants can also make use of the following ODISSEI facilities. Please note that the use of those facilities is optional (including them in the application does not have consequences for the evaluation of the proposals).

Social Data Science Team

The ODISSEI Social Data Science (SoDa) team is initiated to support social scientists in their research projects by offering computational, statistical, machine learning and research engineering skills. The SoDa team can help answer complex computational research questions. General information on the type of support that can be offered by the SoDa team can be found [here](#), examples of projects supported by SoDa are listed [here](#).

Support by the SoDa team is free of charge and is subject to availability. Researchers interested to collaborate with the SoDa team are welcome to attend a [SoDa Data Drop-in](#) session or contact the team through soda@odissei-data.nl, for non-binding consultation prior to submitting their proposal.

ODISSEI Secure Supercomputer

In the ODISSEI Secure Supercomputer (OSSC), researchers can perform analyses of highly-sensitive data (such as CBS Microdata) in SURF's high performance computing environment Snellius. More information on the OSSC can be found [here](#).

Please note that the costs of performing the analyses in the OSSC are not covered by the MAG grant (for available OSSC financing schemes please contact us at submissions+mag@odissei-data.nl) and the timing of the analyses in the OSSC is subject to availability of the OSSC computing time.

Applicants interested in using the support of the SoDa team and/or the ODISSEI Secure Supercomputer are requested to express their interest in the online application form, along with a short motivation. Successful applicants interested in making use of those facilities will be contacted after the award decision to discuss the possibilities and/or available financing schemes for the use of the OSSC.

How to submit a proposal

Proposals must:

- be submitted via the [online application](#) form no later than on **10 May 2022, 15:00 CE(S)T**
- be written in English
- be as specific as possible about requested Microdata (see the [CBS data catalogue](#) (in Dutch))
- contain the research questions and a scientific motivation
- contain a layperson summary of the project (max 150 words) that can be used for communication purposes on the ODISSEI website if the grant has been awarded



- meet [the CBS conditions](#) for access to Microdata

Proposals should be typically between three and five pages long (the suggested template can be downloaded [here](#)). CV's of applicant(s) are not required.

The assessment committee will evaluate proposals based on the criteria given below.

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 describe any implications for research, practice, and/or society?
- Are these implications consistent with the other parts of the proposal?



More information?

To facilitate the preparation of proposals ODISSEI and CBS organise a kick-off meeting to showcase the possibilities offered by CBS Microdata and the MAG grant. During this meeting potential applicants can ask questions on conducting research with the CBS Microdata (available data, searching for the data; procedures etc.) and the grant application procedure. The event will take place on **5 April 2022, 14.00-16.00**. Please find the full programme and registration for the event [here](#).

An overview of the studies that received the MAG in the previous rounds of the call can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

To further inform all those who are interested in conducting microdata research, CBS and ODISSEI start Microdata Meetings series that will feature innovative research and methodological developments in using CBS microdata. During the first CBS-ODISSEI Microdata Meeting researchers can learn more about making optimal use of the complex microdata, in particular the 'Persons Network (PN)' microdata file. The event will take place on **8 March 2022, 12.00-13.00**. Please find the programme and registration for the event [here](#).

Approved submissions

We aim to announce the award decision by **15 July 2022**. Successful applicants are kindly requested to provide feedback on dissemination materials (website, newsletter content and policy briefs) and to participate in ODISSEI events featuring the results of the study that received ODISSEI funding.

The MAG project needs to be started in the CBS Remote Access environment by the end of 2022 (within half a year after the award date). Failure to start the project within the assigned time frame can result in the cancellation of the project.

The MAG project is excluded from participation in the Microdata Access Discount (MAD) programme for the duration of the grant. After the MAG grant budget has been consumed, an awardee may continue the project (the costs need to be covered by the researcher or their research organisation) and submit the project for the MAD. All regular conditions, as specified in the [MAD programme](#), apply for those submissions.

Successful applicants are obliged to comply with the [ODISSEI User Policy](#).

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).



Contact

For any queries regarding the MAG programme please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your proposal!