Call for Proposals 2026
LISS panel grants

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, including a wide range of administrative microdata at CBS (Statistics Netherlands). This makes it possible to answer new, transdisciplinary research questions and to research existing questions in a new way. Areas of focus include migration, employment, education, innovation, safety and health.

Researchers at ODISSEI member organisations are provided the opportunity to collect new research data through the LISS panel, which is managed by Centerdata. This online panel comprises approximately 7,500 individuals from 5,000 households, and panel members receive a monetary incentive for completing monthly questionnaires. The panel is based on a true probability sample of households drawn from the population register by CBS. Self-registration is not possible to maintain the optimal composition and representativeness of the panel. Secondly, people without an internet connection are also represented: households that would otherwise be unable to participate are provided with a computer and internet connection. Furthermore, the data obtained through the LISS panel can be linked to the microdata of CBS, which further expands the possibilities for conducting innovative research.

Who can apply

Every researcher affiliated with one of the ODISSEI member organisations can apply for the LISS panel grant. Early career researchers in particular, are invited to submit their proposal.

Researchers awarded an ODISSEI MAG or LISS panel grant three calendar years before the current call round are excluded from the 2026 application procedure.

Each applicant can submit a maximum of two applications: one as the principal applicant and one as a co-applicant at most.

Until when you can apply

The application must be submitted no later than **24 September 2026, 15:00 CE(S)T.** The projects will be fielded in 2027.

What can be applied for

There is a budget available for in total up to 6 LISS panel grants:

1) Up to **four regular** LISS panel grants
2) One grant that in one project combines the **LISS panel data with CBS microdata**
3) One grant that allows researchers to collect their data in the LISS panel through **data donation.**

Regular LISS panel grants

Offers researchers an opportunity to collect their own data for free in the LISS panel. For the exact scope of the grant, please see below (section *Scope of each grant).*

LISS panel data with CBS microdata

This grant offers an opportunity to enrich survey data collected through the LISS panel with CBS microdata, executed in the Microdata environment of Statistics Netherlands (CBS). Researchers interested in this opportunity are asked to include a description of the CBS microdata that they intend to link to the LISS panel data. LISS survey data can either be existing datasets available in the LISS Data Archive or newly collected data as part of the current Call. Please note that applying for the extension of the analyses with microdata does not limit the chances of executing a regular LISS project funded through the LISS grant (i.e., without a microdata component), conditional on positive evaluation by the reviewers.

Data donation through the LISS panel sample

With data donation, participants of the LISS panel donate (share) their digital trace data collected from any platform they use for academic research purposes. You can think of social media platforms such as Instagram or TikTok, but also purchasing histories from retailers like bol.com or Albert Heijn, or activity data from Fitbit or Apple Health. Here, the LISS panel makes use of privacy-by-design through 'local processing'. This means that only the digital trace data relevant to the research project are extracted from the respondent's device before they are collected (for example, if you are only interested in 'likes' on Facebook, you will not collect private messages or posts on Facebook). This grant allows you to combine digital trace data with any other survey data made available through the LISS Data Archive. Here, you find more information about data donation, and here, you find some examples of previous studies.

Scope of each grant

LISS component

For the regular LISS projects and the project that utilises the linkage with CBS microdata the LISS component entails a net response of 2,000 respondents and 10 minutes of panel time. As a general rule, this translates to approximately 30 survey question items for simple ('yes/no') questions or statements. In case more respondents are requested or needed, the available panel time of 10 minutes needs to be cut

down. This also applies to projects that require more than one measurement (or wave). The sum of the minutes of panel time for all waves should not exceed 10 minutes, and per wave the required net response should not exceed 2,000 respondents. Regular survey incentives for the LISS respondents are covered by the grant budget. However, any additional task-related incentives, if applicable, will need to be covered by the applicants or their institute.

Specific conditions apply for projects requesting data donation. To obtain a sufficient number of donated data packages , a larger gross sample will be selected to participate in the study. Within the survey, respondents indicate whether they use the platform of interest (e.g. Google or Facebook) and whether they are willing to request their and donate their DDP. Applicants should take into account that, depending on the platform, the net donation rate generally ranges between 10% and 20% of the total survey response. For example, if 4,000 respondents are invited and 3,000 complete the survey, approximately 300 to max 600 respondents can be expected to donate their DDP. While data packages can be requested from multiple platforms, within this call applicants can only request one data source to be part of the study. A typical data donation study generally consists of (1) an introduction explaining the study, (2) several screening questions to identify users of the platform of interest, (3) an informed consent question, (4) step-by-step instructions (including screenshots) on how to request and download a DDP and (5) the actual donation steps, and(6) optional f evaluation questions. The total duration of the survey and donation process should not exceed 15 minutes. The budget covers standard survey incentives as well as additional incentives for data donation by LISS respondents.

Microdata component of the LISS grant

The project that is granted LISS panel time in combination with access to CBS microdata will consist of two elements. Firstly, there is the regular budget for the data collection via the LISS panel (as described above). Secondly, there is also a budget of up to € 7,500 allocated to cover the costs associated with linking the microdata to the collected LISS panel data and executing the project in the CBS Remote Access environment. This microdata budget would typically cover a project involving two researchers, lasting approximately six months, and provides for access to about ten different CBS microdata datasets. For pricing examples, please consult CBS's brochure titled "Your research, our data".

Any costs exceeding this microdata budget, such as project extensions or prolongations of the project, will have to be covered by the applicants or their institute. It's important to note that for some datasets available in the CBS catalog (e.g., Dutch Hospital Data), additional costs may apply, and these expenses also need to be covered by the applicants or their institute.

General notes

In case there are several top-ranked LISS proposals requiring fewer than 2,000 respondents and less than 10 minutes of panel time, the Management Board of ODISSEI may decide to approve more regular LISS panel projects, within the available budget.

Successful applicants may use additional (own) funds to expand their project beyond the scope that is funded by the current Call for Proposals. This flexibility allows for the inclusion of additional panel time if needed or the incorporation of a non-standard and innovative data collection component that may require additional technical costs (e.g. specific software or extra server capacity). This also means that researchers can link their study results to the microdata in the CBS environment (this applies also to the data donation study).

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 provide support to social scientists in their research projects by offering expertise in computational, statistical, machine learning and research engineering. The SoDa team can help answer complex computational research questions and assist researchers in their endeavours. General information regarding the type of support available from the SoDa team can be found here. Support from the SoDa team is provided free of charge and is subject to availability. Researchers who are interested in collaborating with the SoDa team are encouraged to contact them via soda@odissei-data.nl for non-binding consultations prior to submitting their proposal. Data donation studies will be fully supported by the SoDa team.

ODISSEI Secure Supercomputer

In the ODISSEI Secure Supercomputer (OSSC), researchers have the opportunity to conduct analyses on highly-sensitive data (such as CBS microdata) within SURF's high-performance computing environment Snellius. Further information about the OSSC can be found here.

Please note that the cost associated with performing analyses in the OSSC are not covered by the LISS grant (for available OSSC financing schemes please contact us at submissions+liss@odissei-data.nl). Additionally, the timing of the analyses in the OSSC is subject to availability of the OSSC computing time.

Applicants interested in utilizing 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 brief explanation of their motivation. Successful applicants interested in utilizing these facilities will be contacted after the award decision to discuss the possibilities and/or available financing schemes for using the OSSC.

How to submit a proposal

Proposals must:

- be submitted via the submission form no later than **24 September 2026, 15:00 CE(S)T**;
- be written in English;
- contain clearly stated research question(s) and a scientific motivation;
- be specific about the requested LISS sample size, sample composition, desired timing of the fieldwork in 2026, repeated measurement (where applicable), etc. (The desired timing is no guarantee, but we take it into account as much as possible when planning awarded studies);
- be as concrete and specific as possible about the number of survey questions, their content, and the overall study design. Please include at least a draft (or almost final) version of the study. The more specific you are, the easier it will be for reviewers to evaluate your proposal;
- be checked for overlap in topics and questions with the existing LISS data (see the LISS Data Archive at https://www.dataarchive.lissdata.nl/);
- proposals for the grant that funds extension of the LISS data with microdata should include information about the requested microdata (see the CBS data catalogue, or click here for the Dutch version) and meet the CBS conditions for access to microdata;
- proposals for the grant that funds data donation should include information about the platform of interest and the data types from this platform that are to be collected;
- contain a layperson summary of the project (max 150 words) that can be used for communication purposes on the ODISSEI website if the grant is awarded.

Proposals should typically be between three and five pages long (the suggested template can be downloaded here). CV's of the applicant(s) are not needed. It is a plus if a preliminary version of the complete set of proposed survey questions is added (preferably in Dutch). An assessment committee will evaluate proposals based on the criteria given below. Please note that applications longer than assigned template will not be admitted to the review process.

Assessment procedure

Applicants will receive a submission confirmation upon submitting their proposal. All submissions are subject to an eligibility check to assess whether the proposal meets the conditions specified in this Call for Proposals. A team from Centerdata assesses the feasibility of all proposals (including proposals for data donation projects), and a team from CBS will assess the feasibility of the microdata component (when applicable). Subsequently, an independent and interdisciplinary assessment committee will evaluate the proposals based on the criteria given below. The Management Board of ODISSEI will take the final decision regarding the awarded grants.

Criteria

1. Originality (40%):
    - Does the proposal introduce new research questions and/or data collection methods that justify the collection of primary data and, if applicable, linkage with CBS microdata?
    - Does the proposal clearly convey the innovative and original nature of the study?
    - In case of a replication: Is the replication well justified in 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?
- Is the proposed questionnaire appropriate (e.g. wording, sensitivity, design and feasible?
- For the extension of the LISS panel data with CBS microdata: is the use of both data sources justified to answer the research questions?
- Are the methods of data analysis robust as well as explained clearly and adequately?
- Does the proposed study make use of existing LISS panel data?

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

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

In addition to the mentioned evaluation criteria, please also take the following into consideration:

Survey questions and instructions should be comprehensible to all respondents, should not be offensive to any group, and must respect respondents' privacy. It is considered a plus if the survey questions are engaging, appealing and comprehensible for respondents. These considerations are important for the overall methodological quality and ethical standards of the research.

More information?

To assist researchers in preparing their proposals, ODISSEI and Centerdata are organising an information event. This event aims to provide more insights into working with the LISS panel and the research opportunities it offers. During this event, speakers will introduce the LISS panel and discuss the grant application procedure. Potential applicants will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. The event is scheduled for **23 June 2026, from 14:00-15:00 CE(S)T**. Please find the program and registration information for the event here.

For general information about CBS Microdata Services and the available data catalogue, please visit www.cbs.nl/microdata. Researchers considering submitting a proposal that involves linking the LISS panel data with CBS microdata are welcome to consult CBS Microdata Services through microdata@cbs.nl to obtain more detailed information on available microdata, feasibility of the project as anticipated, costs associated with extending the project beyond the grant value, and relevant conditions.

An overview of the studies that received the LISS panel grant in earlier rounds of the call can be here.

Approved submissions

ODISSEI aims to announce the award decision by 30 November 2026. A list of approved submissions will be published on the ODISSEI site.

Fieldwork for the successful projects will be scheduled in close collaboration with Centerdata and will take place in 2027. The CBS microdata component of the granted LISS project must be initiated in the CBS Remote Access environment within six months after the LISS panel data collected for this project becomes available. Failure to start the project within the designated time frame may result in the cancellation of the project. The data collected by the LISS panel will be published through the LISS Data Archive. There will be an embargo period of six months at most before the data becomes publicly accessible.

Upon receiving ODISSEI funding, successful applicants are kindly requested to provide feedback on dissemination materials (such as website and newsletter content) that feature the methods and results of their study. Also, the successful proposals will be shared on the ODISSEI Zenodo repository, with an embargo of six months after the award decision.

Furthermore, successful applicants are obliged to comply with the ODISSEI User Policy and the LISS Rules and Conditions:

When publishing work that was funded by ODISSEI, it is necessary to include a reference to ODISSEI:

> *"This research was conducted in whole or in part using ODISSEI, the Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations (https://ror.org/03m8v6t10)"*

When publishing work that is based on data collected in the LISS panel, it is necessary to include a reference to the LISS panel:

> *"In this paper, we use data from the LISS panel (Longitudinal Internet studies for the Social Sciences) which is administered and managed by the non-profit research institute Centerdata, affiliated with Tilburg University in the Netherlands (https://www.lissdata.nl)."*

Contact

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We look forward to receiving your proposal!