

# Econ Ph.D. Application for Data Funds

Principle Eligibility Criteria: Economics Ph.D. student who has advanced to candidacy.  
See attachment for additional details.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information. The total length of the application should not exceed 3 pages. Application should be submitted prior to purchase or no later than 2 weeks following purchase. Please understand an application is not a guarantee of funding.

- 1) Problem Statement. *What is the question you are seeking to answer? Why is it important?*
- 2) Unique contribution to the literature. *How is this intellectually differentiated from previous work?*
- 3) Data
  - a. What is the data you are seeking?
  - b. Explain why public release data are not available to study this question.
  - c. Power calculations / feasibility. *Will you have enough statistical power to answer the question you seek to answer with this data?*
  - d. Total cost of data.
  - e. Does the research with the data require Human Subjects Research approval? If yes, has this been obtained?
  - f. Could the data be useful for other researchers in the department?
- 4) Timeline and deliverables. *When do you reasonably expect to have results? How will you disseminate the research (i.e. present in department workshops, conferences, circulate a draft)?*

Advisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachment

- Economics Data Fund Program eligibility is limited to Ph.D. students who have advanced to candidacy.
- Funds may only be requested once, and have a maximum amount of \$500.
- Itemized receipts must accompany the application for reimbursement or be submitted within 2 weeks of purchase.
- Application may be submitted prior to purchase or up to two weeks from purchase.
- Third party reimbursements are not allowable; purchase must be made by the student submitting this application request.
- Applications should be submitted to your graduate programs coordinator. They will be forwarded to the program director for further approval.

Two additional resources of funds for data are potentially available to graduate students. Please check eligibility with these other resources before seeking departmental funds.

1. Faculty often have funds from grants that can fund data for graduate students. Please check with your advisor and committee members.

2. The National Science Foundation has funding opportunities. Please check the site: <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

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### **IMPORTANT: APPROVAL NEEDED FOR HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH**

Human subjects research is research that involves either:

- Interaction or intervention with living individuals.
- Obtaining identifiable private information about living individuals.
- Obtaining private potentially identified data (which might be eligible for exemption from full review -- see below\*)

All research involving human subjects conducted at or sponsored by UCSC must be reviewed or exempted by the IRB, regardless of the source of funding. If your research involves any of the above, you must submit a Human Subjects Protocol or a Request for Exemption to the UCSC IRB before the research begins.

\*Certain categories of low-risk research are eligible for an exemption from full review by the UCSC IRB. Decisions about whether studies are exempt must be made by a designated member of the IRB, rather than by the investigator.

<http://officeofresearch.ucsc.edu/orca/irb/index.html>