National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN)

Application for Summer Research Institute (SRI) 2027

Cornell University (online): May 20, May 21, May 24, and May 25

The Summer Research Institute (SRI) is a multi-day, online distance learning event that promotes the use of NDACAN datasets and encourages publication of research findings. During the SRI, participants will gain familiarity with the datasets they are using and make progress on their proposed research projects with NDACAN staff available for support. The SRI begins the morning of Thursday, May 20 with a Welcome & Introductions session and will conclude on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 25. On the intervening weekend, participants work on their projects on their own, and support from NDACAN staff resumes on Monday, May 24 through the end of the event. NDACAN can assist researchers using SPSS, STATA, SAS, and R, but not MPlus.

NDACAN encourages applications from advanced graduate students, post-docs, early-career faculty, and other researchers. Applicants are rated based on the quality of the proposal, research background, and intention to publish. In addition, an attempt will be made to identify sets of proposals that complement each other either through use of the same dataset, interest in a similar content area, or application of similar statistical techniques. Proposals based on the following datasets are especially encouraged: NCANDS Child File, AFCARS, NYTD, LONGSCAN, NIS, CCOULD, and NSCAW III Restricted Release.

NDACAN will give strong preference to applicants who have the data prior to applying. Obtaining restricted data (e.g., NSCAW Restricted, NCANDS Child File, RPG, etc.) requires that the participant's IRB either issues an approval or exemption for their research project, a process which can be lengthy. Therefore, SRI applicants proposing to use restricted data should initiate the IRB approval process before submitting the SRI application.

Instructions: Applicants must submit the completed SRI Application PDF and a recent CV. Please type or paste responses directly into the boxes provided. The SRI Application PDF and CV must be shared via e-mail attachment to NDACAN@cornell.edu. Please title these two attachments beginning with last name (e.g., Jones-App.pdf, Jones-CV.doc). The SRI Application PDF and CV are the only items that will be processed: please do not submit additional documents.

DEADLINE: Applications and CVs must be received by MARCH 1, 2027. All applications will be reviewed at the close date, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by April 1, 2027.

1. Your contact information. For the street address, please enter that of your institution or workplace.

First Name:_____
Middle Initial:_____
Last Name:_____
Degree:_____
Title or Position:_____
Institution:_____
Department:_____
Street Address:_____
City:_____ State:_____ Postal Code:_____
Country (if outside U.S.):_____
E-mail:_____
Phone:_____

2. For the SRI, I affirm that I will dedicate the entire schedule of the SRI for work on my proposed project, that I have access to reliable, high-speed internet, and that I will have a webcam and microphone so that I can engage fully in the collaborative web events. I understand that I must meet all the data security requirements that apply to the dataset that I will be using.

Check the box to indicate your affirmation: ☐

3. From the list of datasets at https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/datasets-list.cfm, enter the dataset number(s) and titles(s) that you would like to work with at the SRI:

4. In the space below, please discuss your research background. Expand on the information provided in your CV by giving a narrative description of the role you have played in the research projects you have worked on (800-word limit; reference lists do not count toward the word limit)**:**

5. In the space below, describe the project you would like to work on at the SRI. Provide the title of the project, the rationale for your study, list your specific research questions, and discuss how you will approach your analyses. You can strengthen your application by showing that you are familiar with the dataset and the strengths and limitations of its research design (800-word limit; reference lists do not count toward the word limit)**:**