NSHAP Data Users Conference

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NORC at the University of Chicago will host a Data Users Conference October 27-28, 2016 for new users of the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), and invites paper proposals by August 5. Selected proposals will receive an early beta release of Wave 3 data.

If you are interested in population-based research on health and aging, and have not previously used NSHAP data in your work, this is a fantastic opportunity to jump-start a project.

What: NSHAP Data Users Conference
Who: New Users of NSHAP data
When: October 27 to 28, 2016
Where: NORC at the University of Chicago, Downtown Office
55 East Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603
Submission Deadline: August 5, 2016
Proposals: Brief proposal (1-2 pages) should include: 1) a short statement of the research question and its significance, 2) a list of the NSHAP measures that you will use, and 3) a brief description of your analysis plan. Detailed information on the measures included in Waves 1 and 2 of NSHAP may be downloaded from the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA).

NSHAP Wave 1: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACDA/studies/20541
NSHAP Wave 2: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACDA/studies/34921
Submit To: Jennifer Hanis-Martin, Hanis-Jen@norc.org

If your paper proposal is accepted, you will receive:
- Special training by NSHAP staff via video conference on how to obtain and use the data from Waves 1 and 2, to get you up and running quickly
- A consultation with an NSHAP investigator to discuss your project and offer guidance in preparing your presentation
- An early beta release of Wave 3 data, currently being collected, prior to the conference
- Knowledgeable feedback at the conference from NSHAP Investigators and other researchers, as well as an opportunity to ask further questions about the dataset and/or analytic approaches

Proposals will be reviewed for relevance to issues of aging and health, multi-disciplinary approach, and methodological innovation, and approximately ten will be selected. NORC at the University of Chicago will provide transportation, lodging, and meals for authors to present their findings at the conference (co-authors are welcome to attend, but their transportation and lodging will not be paid for). The conference will begin with lunch on Thursday, October 27, and will conclude with lunch the following day, Friday, October 28.

Additional Information about NSHAP
NSHAP is a longitudinal study of health and aging led by an interdisciplinary team of researchers at the University of Chicago, with data collected by NORC at the University of Chicago. In Wave 1 (collected 2005-06), data were collected from a nationally representative probability sample of 3,005 community-dwelling adults in the US, ages 57-85. Wave 2 was collected 2010-11, and collected data from the original respondents and their spouses or cohabiting partners
(n=3,377 total respondents). **Data from Waves 1 and 2 are currently available for analysis through the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA).**

NSHAP data is composed of three types of measurements: in-home interviews, biomeasures, and leave-behind questionnaires. The questionnaire remained relatively unchanged between the waves to capture change over time in social relationships, romantic partnerships, sexuality, physical and mental health, and personality.

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**ACCESSING NSHAP DATA**

**National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA)**

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