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The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect

The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect is accepting applications for the 2005 Summer Research Institute (SRI). This message contains the Summer Research Institute 2005 Announcement and the Application questions.

<http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu/NDACAN/Workshops/SRI2005Application.html>

\*\* Summer Research Institute 2005 Announcement \*\*

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

NDACAN sponsors an annual Summer Research Institute (SRI), which takes place on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca, New York. The Institute provides an intensive experience in the secondary analysis of child abuse and neglect data. Participants represent a wide variety of disciplines (e.g., psychology, medicine, epidemiology, law, social work) and are selected on a competitive basis. The primary goals of the Institute are to increase utilization of NDACAN's holdings and to facilitate a medium-term secondary analysis project from which child abuse and neglect researchers can publish. In addition, the Institute provides child abuse and neglect researchers an invaluable opportunity for networking and collaborating with each other.

Prior to the Institute, each participant begins a secondary analysis project on an NDACAN dataset. During the Institute, participants work with the NDACAN staff as well as with computing and statistical consultants to refine their analysis plans and resolve technical problems. During the week there are workshops in research methodology, statistics, secondary analysis, and data management, as well as computing labs for hands-on work with the datasets. Instruction is provided by the NDACAN staff, members of the Cornell faculty, and by the Principal Investigators of the relevant studies. Participants give brief presentations of their current research and receive feedback from the other participants. The expectation is that each participant's work will result in a conference paper, journal article, or other publication.

#### SCHEDULE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants arrive by Wednesday evening (6/1) for an opening orientation and dinner. The Institute concludes after lunch on Sunday (6/5). The cost of housing, tuition, and some meals will be covered by NDACAN. However, participants will be responsible for their travel expenses and most dinners. Participants will stay in private rooms at

the Statler Hotel on the Cornell campus.

#### SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Approximately fourteen applicants are selected based on their previous research experience and level of commitment to following their work through to completion. Scholars, professionals involved in research, and advanced graduate students are all encouraged to apply. The cost of housing, tuition, and most meals will be covered by NDACAN; Participants are responsible for their travel expenses and purchasing their dataset.

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Application for the  
Summer Research Institute  
Cornell University, June 1-5, 2005

This application is also available in <SRM2005Application.htm>PDF and <SRM2004Application.htm>MS Word formats.

The goals of the Summer Research Institute are to promote the use of Archive datasets and to encourage publication of research findings in the academic literature. While at the Institute, participants work on their own independent secondary analysis projects in computing sessions, seek assistance from consultants and colleagues, and attend relevant colloquia. The Institute is designed to increase participants' familiarity with the datasets they are using and to facilitate progress on their research projects.

The Archive encourages applications from advanced graduate students, professors and researchers in a variety of fields including psychology, sociology, economics, law, and medicine. Applicants will be selected based on their research background and experience, the quality of their proposal, and their intention to publish their findings.

Instructions: Applications must include a recent CV and answers to the questions below. Please type or word process your answers. Materials may be sent via postal mail or electronic mail to [NDACAN@cornell.edu](mailto:NDACAN@cornell.edu). Please use Microsoft Word format for electronic submissions. Applications and CV's must be received by January 15, 2005.

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Degree/Level of Education:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Organization/Institution:

Position within Organization:

1. From the list of holdings at [www.ndacan.cornell.edu](http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu), indicate the dataset you would like to work with at the Institute.
2. In no more than one page, 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.
3. In no more than two pages, describe the project you would like to work on at the Institute. Provide the rationale for your study and indicate your research objectives. Please list your specific hypotheses and discuss how your study expands on the work of the original investigator. You can strengthen your application by showing that you are familiar with the dataset and the strengths and limitations of its research design.
4. We are offering three diversity scholarships to help defray the domestic travel costs associated with attending the Institute. Scholarships will be awarded to two minority applicants and one graduate student applicant. If you are eligible and interested in being considered, please check the appropriate boxes below. If you are a minority applicant who is also a graduate student, you may check both boxes.

I am a minority applicant, and I would like to be considered for one of the minority scholarships.

I am a graduate student, and I would like to be considered for the graduate student scholarship.

Please note that computers at the Institute are Windows-based machines with SAS, SPSS, and Stata analysis software installed.

Sincerely,

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