

2016

Joint Usage and Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research,
Hitotsubashi University
Application Guidelines

The Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University has been approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as a center for “high-level empirical analysis of the Japanese and global economies.” With a focus on providing an environment for using government micro data, we aim to form an international joint research center based on the development of institutional and policy research, including synergistic research results combining theory and empirical evidence, along with broad collaboration between industry, government, academia, and international organizations; in these efforts, we are oriented toward positive research based on the consolidation and enhancement of data and archives and the development of statistical analytical methods.

To promote these goals the Institute of Economic Research is recruiting individuals in (I) project research and (II) the Resampling Data Usage Promotion Program as a part of the Joint Usage and Research Center. Application guidelines for each are given below. The guidelines for both the “Joint Project with Kyoto University” and the “participation project” will be available on our website.

I. Project research program

1. Definition

The project research program is for research on specific topics in economics by outside researchers using the research resources of the Institute of Economic Research.

2. Qualifications

Researchers from universities or research institutes, or the equivalent. Research contributors may include graduate students. Please note that research leaders who have been accepted into this program within the last two years may not apply as the team leader.

3. Number of successful applicants

Approximately 15 applicants will be selected.

4. Research grants

Research grants of up to ¥1 million per research project are available to assist with expenses necessary for research (supplies, travel, honorarium, venue use, printing, etc.) based on the institute’s accounting criteria and implemented through the center’s budget. Please note that research grants are implemented and managed through the Institute of Economic Research. Expenses to be covered may be increased or decreased from the requested amount upon review. (Because of nature

of our budget, computers, tablets, other peripheral devices, and other information processing and communication devices are ineligible.)

5. Research period

From the date of selection for the research program until March 31, 2017. In principle, extensions are not permitted.

6. Research topics

The Institute for Economic Research encourages joint research in five basic fields of research toward achieving the specific goals of the Joint Usage and Research Center in 2016: (1) economic analysis using government statistical micro data; ^{*1} (2) economic research on business enterprises, prices, household expenses, labor, education, population aging and declining birth rates, or pension and taxation using micro data; (3) empirical research using high-frequency data on asset prices; (4) construction of historical and industrial data sets for international comparison; and (5) basic research on normative economic analysis. Project research topics consistent with research topics receiving particular emphasis by the Institute of Economic Research are preferable. ^{*2}

^{*1} When using government micro data in the project, applicants must be aware of the eligibility requirements stipulated by the relevant authorities. Applicants can use an “on-site facility” as well when using government micro data. For details, please refer to the “Research Project Implementation Guidelines.”

^{*2} For further details, please refer to the institute’s webpage for large-scale research projects (<http://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/project/index.html>).

7. Research organizations

A research organization consists of a research leader and contributors. A research leader is an individual who applies for project research, assumes a leading role in conducting research, and submits a report to the institute on the research organization’s activities upon completion of the research period as a leader of the research organization. Please note that faculty of the Institute of Economic Research (full-time professors, associate professors, full-time lecturers, assistant professors, and specially-appointed faculty) cannot serve as research leaders. A research contributor is an individual who conducts project research with the research leader, so it is preferable to include faculty from the Institute of Economic Research.

8. Research results

When members of the research organization present or publish their results, they must clearly acknowledge within their publications that they received a research project grant from the Institute of Economic Research. (Example sentence: This research was supported by the Joint Research Center, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University.)

9. Research results report

The research leader must submit a PDF file and printed copy of the research results report in a format designated by the Institute of Economic Research within one month of the completion of the research period. Portions of the research results report may be published on the Institute of Economic Research website.

10. How to apply

After completing the required items of the specified application form, the research applicant must submit an electronic version of the application (scan the document into PDF) to the email address kyodo-riyou@ier.hit-u.ac.jp. After accepting your application, we will contact you. Please let us know by phone if you don't receive a reply after submitting your application.

Phone number: 042-580-8382 (Ms. Akemi Okayasu, Faculty Support Office)

11. Application deadline

The application must arrive by February 1, 2016.

12. Decision notification

Decisions will be made based on review by the Joint Usage and Research Committee and applicants will be notified by late March 2016. The research team leader must sign and submit a "Written Pledge on the Use of the Joint Usage and Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University" before starting any research project.

II. Resampling Data Usage Promotion Program

1. Purpose

This program assists individuals who meet the following application eligibility criteria and conditions to promote the use by young researchers of anonymized government statistical data, which the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science provides.

2. Application eligibility criteria and conditions

(1) Individuals under 40 years old who aspire to become full-time researchers^{*1} and graduate students.^{*2}

(2) Those requesting to use anonymized data from the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science for the first time.

One's formal request to use anonymized data has been finalized.

(3) After applying, finalize the procedures for using anonymized data; procedures must be completed by the date of receipt of anonymized data.

(4) Come into the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science to pick up anonymized data in person^{*3}.

*1 Individual application only. Self-recommendation with past research performance required.

*2 Individual applications only. Recommendation by faculty research supervisor required.

*3 Plan to spend approximately one hour, including an explanation of precautions for use.

3. Data provided by the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science

The following anonymized government statistical datasets are currently available at the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science.

(1) Housing Survey (1993) and Housing and Land Survey (1998, 2003)

(2) Employment Status Survey (1992, 1997, and 2002)

(3) Survey on Time Use and Leisure Activities

Survey A (Time Use/ Leisure Activities) (1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006)

Survey B (Leisure Activities) (2001, 2006)

(4) National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure (1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004)

(5) Labour Force Survey (January 1989 – December 2011)

(6) Population Census of Japan (2000 and 2005)

4. Number of successful applicants

Approximately 10 applicants will be selected.

5. Research grants

Research grants of up to ¥100,000 per application are available to assist with (1) travel expenses for visiting the institute to pick up the anonymized data and for presenting academic papers on research results using anonymized data at an academic conference, (2) expenses for supplies such as the

license fee for anonymized data paid to the National Statistics Center, and (3) printing, based on the institute's accounting criteria and implemented through the center's budget. Please note that research grants are implemented and managed through the Institute of Economic Research. Expenses to be covered may be increased or decreased from the requested amount upon review. (Because of nature of our budget, computers, tablets, other peripheral devices, and other information processing and communication devices are ineligible.)

6. Grant period

From the date of selection until March 31, 2017.

7. Research results

When a member of the research organization presents or publishes their results, they must write clearly by the acknowledges that they received a project research grant from the Institute of Economics Research. (Example sentence: This research was supported by the Joint Research Center, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University.)

8. Research results report

Both a hard copy and PDF version of a progress report on research conducted up until the end of the grand period must be submitted within one month of the completion of the grant period in a format designated by the Institute of Economic Research. Portions of the research results report may be published on the Institute of Economic Research website.

9. Application deadline

September 30, 2016

10. How to apply

After filling out the required items of the specified application form, the research application must submit by an electronic version of the application (scan the documents into PDF) to the email address; micro@ier.hit-u.ac.jp. The original official request documentation for using anonymized data must submit when receiving the data. Before formally requesting data, please notify the anonymized data usage office at Institute of Economic Research of your intention to apply for this program.

After accepting your application, we will contact you. Please let us know by phone when you don't receive any reply even though you applied. Phone number: 042-580-8391 (Library, Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science)

11. Decision notification

Decisions will be made based on review by the Joint Usage and Research Committee and the

applicants will be notified on a rolling basis. The research team leader has to sign and submit a “Written Pledge on Use of the Joint Usage and Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University “before starting the research project.

12. Comments

Please read the “Anonymized Data Usage Guidelines” carefully to ensure you fully understand anonymized data usage procedures.