Fiscal 2027
Joint Usage / Research Center Programs
at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
Government Statistics Anonymized Data Usage Promotion Program
Application Guidelines

The Institute of Economic Research (IER), 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 on the basis of 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 IER is recruiting proposals for the Government Statistics Anonymized Data Usage Promotion Program as a part of the Joint Usage / Research Center Programs. Application guidelines are as follows:

1. Purpose

This program assists individuals who meet the following application eligibility criteria and conditions to promote the use by young researchers of anonymous 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 who requesting to use anonymous data applying through the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science under this program for the first time.

(3) One's formal request to use anonymous data has been finalized.

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

(5) Come into the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science to pick up anonymous data in person[*3].

*1 Individual applications only. Additionally, past research performance is 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

As of October 8, 2026, the following anonymous government statistical datasets are currently available at the Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science. Please note that data may be added from time to time, so please check the website of Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science.

https://rcisss.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/English/micro/index.html

(1) Population Census of Japan (2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020)

(2) National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure and National Survey of Family Income, Consumption and Wealth

- National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure (1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014)
- National Survey of Family Income, Consumption and Wealth (Comprehensive family budget tabulation system (Subclassification)) (2019)
- National Survey of Family Income, Consumption and Wealth (Income and assets tabulation system) (2019)

(3) Survey on Time Use and Leisure Activities

- Questionnaire A (Time Use/ Leisure Activities) (1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021)
- Questionnaire B (Time Use) (2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021)

(4) Employment Status Survey (1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012 and 2017)

(5) Housing Survey (1993) and Housing and Land Survey (1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2018)

(6) Labour Force Survey (1989 - 2024)

(7) Basic Survey on Wage Structure (2015 - 2019)

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) a license fee for anonymous data paid to the National Statistics Center, (2) travel expenses for visiting the IER to pick up the anonymous data, (3) travel expenses and registration fees for presenting academic papers on research results using anonymous data at academic conferences, (4) travel expenses or shipping fee for returning anonymous data, based on the Hitotsubashi University's accounting criteria and implemented through the IER's budget. However, researchers or graduate students of Hitotsubashi University who are working or studying on Kunitachi campus can apply the budget only to (1) and (3). Applying the budget to expenses incurred after the grant period is not permitted. Please note that research grants are implemented and managed through the IER. Expenses to be covered may be

increased or decreased from the requested amount upon review.

6. Grant period

From April 1, 2027 (or the date of selection) to March 31, 2028.

7. Research results

When the applicants present or publish their results, they must clearly acknowledge within their publications that they received a research grant from the IER. (For example: "This research was supported by the Joint Usage / Research Center, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University. (Grant ID: IERAD27**)")

8. Research results report

A PDF file of the report of the research results in a format designated by the IER must be submitted by the end of April 2028. Portions of the research results report may be published on the website of the IER.

9. Application deadline

September 30, 2027. However, reception may be terminated earlier than this.

Applications for government statistical anonymous data not subsidized by this program will be accepted year-round.

10. How to apply

After completing the required items of the application form designated by the IER, the applicant must submit an electronic version of the application (PDF file) to the email address provided below from the applicant's email address. Prior approval from the recommender is required for the applicant who submitted the recommendation document in the application of anonymized data.

Before formally requesting data, please notify Microdata Analysis Section of your intention to apply for this program.

Email address for application: ier-micro@ad.hit-u.ac.jp

After receiving your application, we will contact you. Please let us know by phone when you do not receive any reply even though you applied. Phone number: +81-42-580-8391 (Library, Research Centre for Information and Statistics of Social Science)

11. Decision notification

Decisions will be made following deliberation in the Joint Usage / Research Committee and will be notified to the applicants on a rolling basis. The applicants must sign and submit a "Written Pledge on Use of the Joint Usage / Research Center Programs at the Institute of Economic Research,

Hitotsubashi University" before receiving a research grant.

12. Comments

Please read the "Anonymous Data Usage Guidelines" carefully to ensure you fully understand anonymous data usage procedures.