

Request for Proposals

Competition To Conduct Analysis of HUD's Randomized Evaluation Data

Moving to Opportunity and Family Options Studies

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announces a new competition for access to data from two important randomized social experiments, the Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing (MTO) demonstration program and the Family Options Study (FOS). HUD has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to make these experimental data more accessible to qualified researchers and more readily matched with other data, including from the Census Bureau's Administrative Data Inventory (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Dataset-Competition-Appendix.pdf>), at 1 of 25 Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (RDCs). This competition supports greater evidence building on (1) the impact of neighborhoods on the lives of low-income families with children and (2) the impact of housing and services interventions for families with children experiencing homelessness.

The application deadline is January 15, 2018. HUD will announce three winners in March 2018. Winners will receive free access to their selected RDC and the relevant evaluation data, research assistance while performing analyses, and a disclosure review of their analytical findings. Each prize will pay for one seat for one team per proposal for a 1-year period following project approval and completion of all requirements to access the selected RDC. The total estimated value of the prize is \$15,000. Prize winners are responsible for any additional cost in preparing and supporting data access beyond MTO and FOS.

Eligibility

Proposals are being accepted from policy or research organizations, and their affiliates, that have demonstrated expertise conducting rigorous policy research and evaluation using social and behavioral science data. Government, academic, nonprofit, not-for-profit, and for-profit organizations are eligible. An applicant team must include at least one person who will meet the requirements for being granted Special Sworn Status with the Census Bureau.

For more information, visit <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Dataset-Competition-Full.pdf>.