

PROPOSALS FOR USE OF MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL STUDY OF LEADERSHIP (MSL) DATA

The MSL is committed to advancing evidence-based practice and empirical research in higher education particularly in the area of college student leadership development. To this end, we are happy to engage in data sharing to advance this important work. Any school is more than welcome to share their data with others and/ or publish results from their institutional data. The MSL embargoes the national data set for three years prior to making it available to others for use. This means that the 2009 data is currently available for use, but the 2010 and 2011 data are not yet available. Furthermore, MSL is an aggregate data set and due to contractual and IRB compliance issues data cannot be shared for individual institutions.

Information regarding the study is available via the study web site hosted at Survey Sciences Group in Ann Arbor, MI (www.leadershipstudy.net). This document outlines details about the MSL data as well as the process for requesting use.

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<p>AVAILABLE DATA SETS</p>	<p>MSL currently has two master data sets each of which has data associated with the core outcome measures (i.e., social change model values, leadership efficacy, complex cognitive skills).</p> <p>2006 Data: Approximately 50,000 students on 52 campuses Some unique variables in this data set include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Activism ▪ Appreciation of Diversity ▪ Leadership Identity Development ▪ Developmental Employment measures <p>2009 Data: Approximately 115,000 students on 102 campuses Some unique variables in this data set include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Change Behaviors ▪ Outcomes of Mentoring Relationships ▪ Spirituality: Search for Meaning ▪ Social Perspective-Taking ▪ Collective Racial Esteem ▪ Campus Climate (Sense of Belong & Non-Discriminatory Climate)
<p>MSL-INSTITUTIONAL SURVEY</p>	<p>The MSL project also includes the MSL-Institutional Survey (MSL-IS) examining various campus variables that may influence leadership outcomes (e.g., budget, curriculum, specific programs). The Co-Principal investigator for this data is Dr. Julie Owen of George Mason University. If</p>

	<p>you are interested in using MSL-IS data then please contact Dr. Owen directly (jowen4@gmu.edu).</p>
ACCESS TO DATA	<p>Priority access of MSL data is first given to members of the research teams hosted at Loyola University Chicago and University of Maryland, College Park.</p> <p>Proposals with research questions and variable selection that do not overlap with MSL Research team projects will be considered on a case by case basis. Variables being used in research team articles may still be considered for use in thesis or dissertations, but there may be restrictions on the publication of findings with priority given to MSL team articles. Those interested in using MSL data are encouraged to visit the “Library” at the study web site which provides information about existing publications. You will want to ensure that your proposed study does not overlap with the questions that have already been asked. The library can be accessed via the following link: http://leadershipstudy.net/le-library-reports-publications.html</p>
SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL	<p>The contact person for requests to use MSL data is Dr. John Dugan (jdugan1@luc.edu). Individuals can obtain a copy of the MSL Codebook* prior to their proposal to aid in this process. The proposal must contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and contact information for proposer; 2. If the proposer is a student, it must identify the program, university, and advisor for the study; 3. Identify the time frame for the study; 4. Provide a prospectus that contains the purpose of the study with specific research questions (this can be brief); 5. Identify the year of data collection requested (e.g., 2006 or 2009) along with any specific sub-sample of cases (e.g., religiously affiliated institutions, only female students); 6. Identify the specific variables that are requested; and 7. Identify possible publication outlets for the study if you intend to publish results. <p>All proposals should be submitted electronically and adhere to the above parameters. The PI will make every attempt to respond in a timely manner to requests. However, it is recommended that proposals be submitted well before data is needed.</p> <p>* Note that the MSL codebook may not be copied, reproduced, or used for data collection without the express written permission of the Principal Investigator. Additionally, the full data set may not be requested for exploratory research. Proposers are expected to provide clear research questions tied to specific variables to be used in analyses.</p>
CONDITIONS FOR USE	<p>The researcher(s) of an approved proposal must further agree to the following items. A document with this information will be signed by the researcher(s) prior to release of the data.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain IRB approval on home campus and provide copy of signed document; 2. Follow MSL and local IRB protocols (e.g., storage of data, access to data, destroy data upon project completion); 3. If the request is a project of a student researcher for a thesis or dissertation, provide evidence of supervision by thesis/dissertation advisor; 4. Use variables only for the proposed research. Must obtain additional approvals from MSL for other uses of data; 5. We encourage publications of findings; said publication must cite source of data and cite at least one of the MSL articles or a source identified by the PI. Limitations on publications may be a stipulation in use of the data; 6. Furnish one copy (electronically) of a completed thesis or dissertation AND furnish an electronic copy of any articles published using MSL data; and 7. Any publications and/ or presentations must acknowledge the source of the data and refer the audience to the MSL web site for more information.
MSL SUPPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a proposal is accepted, the researcher will sign an agreement to comply with the above conditions. 2. The PI will furnish a copy of the approved University of Maryland IRB for use in local campus IRB processes. 3. The researcher will be provided with a codebook of all variables in the data set including all scales (e.g., reverse scoring, scale construction). 4. The PI will not be able to provide advising regarding research questions, statistical consulting for any proposals, nor assistance in drafting methods sections. Only basic information will be provided about the data. The assumption is that the user is capable of managing the data without assistance. Additional consultation may be available for a separate consulting fee by an MSL team member or SSG staff member. Co-authorship may be necessary if the PI or MSL team member provide substantial contributions to methods or other sections of the proposed study.
RECEIVING DATA	Upon proposal and local IRB approval and acceptance of the terms of agreement form, the data will be made available via a secure website hosted by SSG. You will receive a password that allows access to download the data for a limited time.
HANDLING FEE	A data access fee of \$500 is assessed for any approved studies. This fee covers the labor associated with data preparation. Approved studies will work with SSG to make payment via either credit card or check.
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