PEI Research Grant Round 2, closing date 31st August 2017

FAQs

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1. I have a question about the grant call – who should I contact?
Please contact the Children's Research Network at: crn@effectiveservices.org

2. When will the grant calls be made? Is this the only grant call that will be made?
This is the second call in this grant scheme and it will close on the 31st August 2017 at 5pm. There will be further grant calls in 2017/18. If you would like to be notified of a new grant call please contact the Children's Research Network at: crn@effectiveservices.org and put in the subject line: **Please add my name to the mailing list for PEI grants**. Your email address will be used for the sole purpose of contacting you when further PEI grant calls are announced and as further PEI data collections become available in the archives. All grant calls will be made via the public website of the Children's Research Network at http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org/
Members of the Children's Research Network will receive direct contact by email on all events and calls associated with the PEI Research Initiative. To join the Network please complete the registration here: http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org/network/members/register

3. Who would be the most appropriate person to contact with queries about the archived PEII datasets?
The best way to access data is via the archives (ISSDA, IQDA). The best way to find out if the variables you need are included in the archived dataset is to check the codebooks that are openly available via the archive websites. Codebooks for PFL collection can be accessed here:
https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/pfl/
You can also contact the Children's Research Network's Data Curator, Ruth Geraghty at rgeraghty.crn@effectiveservices.org

4. How many applications can I send in?
Applications are strictly limited to one per individual per round. You may send a second application in when a new round is called.

5. Do you need a breakdown of my costs for Section 4 of the application (on amount requested)?
You should supply a breakdown of your costs. This does not have to be very detailed, but you should include a general description and an estimate cost. The more explicit detail you supply the easier it will be to award these funds to you. For example:

Total budget requested: €6,000
Cost Breakdown:
- Research assistant time €4,000 10 hours per week for 20 weeks (€20 per hour)

- ABC Annual Conference, Paris 1 – 3rd Jun 2018: €1,000
  - Registration €400 (estimate based on 2016 early bird registration fee)
  - Flight €200 (based on closest available estimates www.skyscanner.net)
  - Accommodation and subsistence €400 (Accommodation at conference hotel €100 x 3 nights = €300, subsistence €25 x 4 days = €100)
- International Conference for XYZ, Berlin 1 – 4th Dec 2017: €1,000
  - Registration €400 (estimate based on 2016 early bird registration fee)
  - Flight €200 (based on closest available estimates www.skyscanner.net
  - Accommodation and subsistence €400 (Accommodation at conference hotel €100 x 3 nights = €300, subsistence €25 x 4 days = €100)

6. Looking at the archived Preparing for Life data, this does not seem to include Health Information at Birth: I believe this information was abstracted from medical records.

Data from the medical records used by the PFL study team has not been archived as part of this collection due to restrictions on the use of hospital data. However a very small number of health variables are included in the archived data files, including birthweight and height. These were collected by the researchers in the field and are not from hospital records. Height and weight was measured by researchers from 24 months, prior to this it was reported by mothers.

7. It would appear that the grant offer is limited to analysis of data generated by AP's Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative. I would be grateful to know X evaluation fits, albeit the data is limited. It would be good to have your sense about the merits of making an application?

You are correct in your observation that the grants are for the use of the data generated under Atlantic Philanthropies Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative 2004 - 2014, and the X evaluation you mention is not one of these evaluations. Therefore a grant cannot be used for the sole purpose of examining the data from X evaluation. The primary objective of the grant is to repurpose the PEII data, primarily PEII data that has been archived. Please refer to the list of applicable datasets on the CRN website for the current call that we are sharing with all interested applicants. This list will of course get longer as more data is added over the coming months. A grant can be used to work with the archived PEII data alongside data from another source (such as data from the X evaluation that you mention) – but the essential component is the re-use of the PEII data. For example you could use data from the archived Preparing for Life collection alongside the X evaluation data, or to enhance the X evaluation data. You are not required to use the entire PFL collection as such, and it would be reasonable to use a subset of variables that are of interest or relevance (such as the HOME measure). The best way to find out about what is inside the PFL collection is to examine the codebooks which are now openly available on ISSDA. If you turn to the index at the back there is a list of all variables per wave and which domain they belong to. Codebooks can be accessed here: https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/pfl/

8. Can the grant be used to buy a software licence?

No the grant does not cover overheads and equipment

9. Can I use the grant to analyse any data in the archive (e.g. data from Growing Up in Ireland)?

The grants are for the analysis of data generated under Atlantic Philanthropies Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative 2004 – 2014. You may include additional data from another source (such as Growing Up in Ireland) in a comparative way. But your proposal must be centrally about the re-use of PEII data. Please refer to the list of applicable datasets on the CRN website for the current call.

10. We are ambitious to submit an application to the current call. However, we noticed that one of the terms is that work should begin as soon as the grant is awarded. If we were successful, we would want to wait until September to begin work on the project. Do you think that is feasible?

Yes, if you are successful in obtaining PEI research grant you can defer the start date. You will receive the first instalment of your grant at the commencement of this work. Please indicate in your grant application the month when you intend to start and an estimate date where possible.

11. Can we actually include use of the qualitative data in the current call if it is not currently in the archive?

Yes, you can include the use of the qualitative PFL data in your proposal – although it is not due in the archive until later in summer 2017 this dataset is in production and is committed to the archive.

12. I want to use the grant to present my research with the archived PEII data at a conference. I understand that the work has to be completed within 6 months of receipt of the grant, however the conference does not take place within this time frame. Is this proposal applicable for a grant?

Yes, you can apply for a grant to present your work with the archived PEII data at a national or international conference. If the conference does not take place within the 6-month time frame of the grant period you are required to present evidence of the presentation that you will present (slides and/or a paper) and evidence that you have submitted an application to present at the conference. You may also defer the start date of your grant to a later date in 2017 – please advise the CRN of your proposed commencement date in your application.

13. Are there any required outputs?

Yes the following are required by the end of the six month grant period:
1. Short final report to the Children's Research Network detailing the delivery of their proposed outputs from this award
2. 500-word news item for dissemination by the Children's Research Network on the outputs from this award

Grantees are encouraged – but not required - to submit a paper to the Children's Research Digest: http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org/knowledge/resources/digest/

14. What is the budget for the PEI Research grants?

The budget for Round 2 of the PEI Research Grants scheme is approximately €80,000. There will be further Rounds called for the PEI Research Grants scheme in 2017/18.

15. I have been invited to speak at a conference about some research I did with data from a service evaluation. The service is funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies but is not strictly one of the PEI Research Initiative (PEII) programmes. Can I apply for a grant to present my research at this conference?

No, the grants are specifically for the analysis of data generated under Atlantic Philanthropies Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative 2004 – 2014. You may include additional data from another source in a comparative way, but your proposal must be centrally about the re-use of one of the PEII datasets. Please refer to the list of applicable datasets on the CRN website for the current call.

16. Can the grant be used for travel to a national or international conference?
If you presenting research with the archived PEII data at this conference then you can apply for a PEI Research Grant. The grant can be used to travel to a national or international conference. It is not enough to attend the conference as a delegate, you must present the research for which you have been funded through the PEI Research Grant. The grant can be used to cover the cost of the conference registration, and the cost of travel and subsistence.

17. I have a Higher Diploma qualification – can I apply?
According to the terms of this grant scheme, the applicant must have completed a Master's degree in a relevant discipline or have an academic mentor who is willing to supervise the research. Therefore, if you wish to apply for the grant, you must include an academic supervisor with a qualification of MA or above as a co-applicant on your application form. You can apply as the primary applicant, and can include your supervisor as the secondary applicant. Please indicate in your proposal that your co-applicant will act in a supervisory capacity.

18. I can get access to PEII data through my organisation, but it is not in the archive – can I apply for the grant?
Before you make your application you should check whether the owners of this data have agreed to participate in the *Prevention and Early Research Initiative* archiving project at the Children's Research Network. The best way to confirm this is to contact the administrator of the Network at: crn@effectiveservices.org
Participating organsiations will have made an agreement with the Children's Research Network to include their PEII data in the Initiative.
Please be aware that if the data cannot be accessed through the archive then you will have to negotiate access to the data with the data owners directly. Also because the data have not been curated for re-use you may have to do a little work in setting up the files for your own analysis but this of course depends on how they have been stored.

19. Can I use the grant to collect new data evaluation?
The grants are for the sole purpose of re-using research data that were generated under Atlantic Philanthropies Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative 2004 – 2014, and are not for the collection of new data.