

UC Research in OptumLabs Data Warehouse
Call for Proposals

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OVERVIEW

As part of the strategic relationship between UC and OptumLabs, OptumLabs will provide up to seven UC researchers with OptumLabs-funded access to its database of de-identified, linked clinical and administrative claims information (terms and conditions apply).

The credit includes data access for one research project and OptumLabs technology infrastructure with standard configuration for two users. Each project is scheduled to last one year after data access is granted (unless an extension deadline is filed and approved).

OptumLabs is an open, collaborative center for research and innovation focused on improving patient care and value. The comprehensive real-world data with nearly 200 million de-identified lives across claims and clinical information contains a rich, linked dataset, which can be used to conduct broad or narrow investigations on populations and unique subsets within them.

| OptumLabs Data Warehouse data assets | Examples of research projects using OptumLabs data |
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| Administrative Claims Data | Variation in care |
| Laboratory results | Safety and efficacy |
| Electronic Health Record (EHR) / Clinical Data | Predictive modeling |
| Mortality Data | Policy and incentives |
| Oncology Management Survey | Outcomes |
| Socioeconomic Status | Methods |
| Race / Ethnicity | Health economics |
| Consumer / Lifestyle | Guidelines/Quality of care |
| Health Risk Assessment (HRA) Data | Epidemiology |
| Medical Benefit Design | Disparities |
| <i>Other data assets may be available by special permission</i> | Delivery of care |
| | Comparative effectiveness |

PURPOSE

The University of California - OptumLabs partnership was established to help accelerate improvements in patient care and value. The multi-year strategic relationship will help transition California to a value-based health care system while leveraging the expertise of each organization to examine broader trends in care delivery.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Principal Investigator (PI) or at least one Co-PI must be full time faculty at one of the five UC academic medical centers (UCD, UCI, UCLA, UCSD, UCSF) and eligible to submit grants
 - Co-PIs and Co-Investigators at all 10 UC campuses are eligible on proposals (with at least one Co-PI meeting the above criteria)

Note: Previous awardees are eligible to apply for a new project.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Will include the following:

- Study feasibility using OptumLabs Data Warehouse
- Innovation
- Uniqueness of the approach
- Potential for significant results, including potential for translation of findings into real world settings in support of “Triple Aim +1” goals:
 - Improve outcomes
 - Improve the patient experience
 - Reduce costs in the health care system
 - Improve the work life of health care providers and inform policy discussions (as applicable)
- Resources available for the project, especially programmer/analyst for data management, programming, and analysis. Note: proposals that do not complete this section and address the resource requirement will not be considered for review.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Step 1 (UC REVIEW)

Submit a Research Proposal Form

The Research Proposal Form (RPF) is designed to give a brief overview of your intended project. It collects basic information about the nature of your research project, the data required, and the resources available to the PI. The RPF will be peer reviewed by designates from the OptumLabs and the UC system; top candidates selected will proceed to Step 2, outlined below.

Research Proposal Form Submission Instructions and Timeline

- All sections of the RPF must be completed
- Submit your completed RPF here:
https://www.dropbox.com/l/AAB9ZoLTvSjX_yZfI5G2cpqJZoxY6exHQko
- **Deadline:** Research Proposal Forms are due on **January 7, 2019 by 12 pm**
- Each PI may submit one proposal only
- Selected candidates will be notified by March 1, 2019
- Informational webinars are scheduled for November 9 at [8am](#) and [12pm](#) and December 7 at [8am](#) and [12pm](#). Sessions will be one hour. (Click times to download an .ics file.)
- **Please note:** Selected candidates may be featured in OptumLabs publicity, with their permission. In addition, selected candidates may have their proposals reviewed by the OptumLabs Translation Advisory Team, a multi-partner group that works to stay connected to some of the high profile research projects being done through OptumLabs with the goal of encouraging translation activities (going beyond the peer reviewed paper) that include various dissemination and implementation pathways.

Step 2 (OPTUMLABS REVIEW)

The candidates selected to proceed will be asked to submit an OptumLabs Research Application that provides a detailed research plan and description of research translation potential. The Research Application will be reviewed by the OptumLabs Research Review Committee (RRC) and the Translation Advisory Team (TAT) for scientific content and translation potential, respectively. These bodies do not approve or reject projects as long as the project is feasible and not intended for post-marketing research, such as head-to-head brand comparisons. Feedback and recommendations are provided to the research team for consideration as they move forward into implementation. The Research Application will then progress to a Statement of Work (SOW). Once an SOW is executed, access to the data is granted. Depending on the researcher's pace, this process may take approximately eight weeks.

CONTACTS

For a copy of the Research Proposal Form (RPF), the OptumLabs Research Application Template, and detailed information about the OptumLabs data sets, visit the [UC-OptumLabs "microsite"](#).

1. *To discuss the content of your proposal or questions about the data, contact Sarah Thayer, PhD (OptumLabs Director of Research) at sarah.thayer@optum.com.*
2. *For questions about the application process or issues submitting the proposal, contact David Grady (UC BRAID Program Coordinator) at david@ucbraid.org.*