

**Restricted Data Use Agreement  
for Restricted Data in the Virtual Data Enclave (VDE)  
from the Inter-university Consortium  
for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**

**I. Definitions**

- A. “Investigator” is the person primarily responsible for conducting the research or statistical activities relative to the Research Description within the Online Application (the “Research Description”), or supervising the individuals conducting the research or statistical activities relative to the Research Description, for which Restricted Data are obtained through this Agreement.
- B. “Research Staff” are all persons at the Investigator's Institution, excluding the Investigator, who will have access to Restricted Data obtained through this Agreement, including students, other faculty and researchers, staff, agents, or employees for which Institution accepts responsibility.
- C. “Institution” is the university or research institution at which the Investigator will conduct research using Restricted Data obtained through this Agreement.
- D. “Representative of the Institution” is a person authorized to enter into binding legal agreements on behalf of Investigator's Institution.
- E. “Restricted Data” are the research dataset(s) provided under this Agreement that include potentially identifiable information in the form of indirect identifiers that if used together within the dataset(s) or linked to other dataset(s) could lead to the re-identification of a specific Private Person, as well as information provided by a Private Person under the expectation that the information would be kept confidential and would not lead to harm to the Private Person. Restricted Data includes any Derivatives.
- F. “Private Person” means any individual (including an individual acting in an official capacity) and any private (i.e., non-government) partnership, corporation, association, organization, community, tribe, sovereign nation, or entity (or any combination thereof), including family, household, school, neighborhood, health service, or institution from which the Restricted Data arise or were derived, or which are related to a Private Person from which the Restricted Data arise or were derived.
- G. “ICPSR” is the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research.
- H. “Online Application” includes all information entered into the ICPSR web-based data access request system, including Investigator information, Research Staff information, Research Description, Data Selection specifying which files and documentation are requested, Confidentiality Pledge signed by the Investigator, Supplemental Agreement and Confidentiality Pledge signed by each Research Staff, Data Security Plan, and a copy of a document signed by the Institution's Institutional Review Board (IRB), or equivalent, approving or exempting the research project.

- I. “Data Security Plan” is a component of the Agreement which specifies permissible computer configurations for use of Restricted Data and records what the Investigator commits to do in order to keep Restricted Data secure.
- J. “Deductive Disclosure” is the discerning of a Private Person's identity or confidential information through the use of characteristics about that Private Person in the Restricted Data. Disclosure risk is present if an unacceptably narrow estimation of a Private Person’s confidential information is possible or if determining the exact attributes of the Private Person is possible with a high level of confidence.
- K. “Derivative” is a file or statistic derived from the Restricted Data that poses disclosure risk to any Private Person in the Restricted Data obtained through this Agreement. Derivatives include copies of the Restricted Data provided through ICPSR’s Virtual Data Enclave (VDE), subsets of the Restricted Data, and analysis results that do not conform to the guidelines in Section VI.F.
- L. The “Virtual Data Enclave” permits monitored access to data that are not available to the general public. The virtual machine is isolated from the user's physical desktop computer, restricting the user from downloading files or parts of files to their physical computer. The virtual machine is also restricted in its external access, preventing users from emailing, copying, or otherwise moving files outside of the secure environment, either accidentally or intentionally.

## **II. Responsibility to Address Disclosure Risk**

Deductive Disclosure of a Private Person's identity from research data is a major concern of federal agencies, researchers, and Institutional Review Boards. Investigators and Institutions who receive any portion of Restricted Data are obligated to protect the Restricted Data from Deductive Disclosure risk, non-authorized use, and attempts to identify any Private Person by strictly adhering to the obligations set forth in this Agreement.

## **III. Requirements of Investigator**

- A. The Investigator assumes the responsibility of completing the Online Application and any other required documents, reports, and amendments.
- B. The Investigator agrees to manage and use Restricted Data, implement all Restricted Data security procedures per the Data Security Plan, and ensure that all Research Staff understand their requirements per this Agreement and follow the Data Security Plan.
- C. Investigators must meet each of the following criteria:
  - 1. Have a PhD or other research-appropriate terminal degree; and
  - 2. Hold a faculty appointment or have an appointment that is eligible to be a principal investigator at Institution.

#### **IV. Requirements of Institution**

The Institution represents that it is:

- A. An institution of higher education, a research organization, a research arm of a government agency, or a nongovernmental, not-for-profit, agency.
- B. Not currently debarred or otherwise restricted in any manner from receiving information of a sensitive, confidential, or private nature under any applicable laws, regulations, or policies.
- C. Have a demonstrated record of using sensitive data according to commonly accepted standards of research ethics and applicable statutory requirements.

#### **V. Obligations of ICPSR**

In consideration of the promises made in Section VI of this Agreement, and upon receipt of a complete and approved Online Application, ICPSR agrees to:

- A. Provide the Restricted Data requested by the Investigator in the Restricted Data Order Summary within a reasonable time of execution of this Agreement by Institution and to make the Restricted Data available to Investigator via the Virtual Data Enclave, a secure remote-access work space. Access requires proper authentication. ICPSR will provide instructions on establishing user accounts within a reasonable amount of time after the execution of the agreement.
- B. Provide electronic documentation of the origins, form, and general content of the Restricted Data sent to the Investigator, in the same time period and manner as the Restricted Data. ICPSR warrants that it has the right to disclose the Restricted Data to Institution.
- C. ICPSR MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS NOR EXTENDS ANY WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR THAT THE USE OF THE RESTRICTED DATA WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS. Each party shall be responsible for its negligent acts or omissions and the negligent acts or omissions of its employees, officers, or directors, to the extent allowed by law. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST REVENUES OR PROFITS, ARISING FROM BREACH OF THE TERMS IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER TORT, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

#### **VI. Obligations of the Investigator, Research Staff, and Institution**

Restricted Data access provided under this Agreement shall be used or disclosed only in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In consideration of the promises in Section V of this Agreement, and for use of Restricted Data from ICPSR, the Institution agrees:

- A. That the Restricted Data will be used solely for research or statistical purposes relative to the project as identified in the Research Description of the Online Application (the "Research Description"), and for no other purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of ICPSR.

Further, no attempt will be made to identify Private Person(s), no Restricted Data of Private Person(s) will be published or otherwise distributed, the Restricted Data will be protected against Deductive Disclosure risk by strictly adhering to the obligations set forth in this Agreement, and precautions will be taken to protect the Restricted Data from non-authorized use.

INSTITUTION MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND CONCERNING THE RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCLAIM ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NONINFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

- B. To comply fully with the approved Data Security Plan at all times relevant to this Agreement.
- C. That no persons other than those identified in this Agreement or in subsequent amendments to this Agreement, as Investigator or Research Staff and who have signed this Agreement or a Supplemental Agreement, be permitted access to the contents of Restricted Data files or any Derivatives from the Restricted Data.
- D. That within five (5) business days of becoming aware of any unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of Restricted Data, or access, use, or disclosure of Restricted Data that is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the unauthorized or inconsistent access, use, or disclosure of Restricted Data will be reported in writing to ICPSR.
- E. That, unless prior specific, written approval is received from ICPSR, no attempt under any circumstances will be made to link the Restricted Data to any Private Person, whether living or deceased, or with any other dataset, including other datasets provided by ICPSR.
- F. To avoid inadvertent disclosure of Private Persons by being knowledgeable about what factors constitute disclosure risk and by using disclosure risk guidelines, such as but not limited to, the following guidelines<sup>1</sup> in the release of statistics or other content derived from the Restricted Data.<sup>2</sup>
  - 1. No release of a sample unique for which only one record in the Restricted Data provides a certain combination of values from key variables.
  - 2. No release of a sample rare for which only a small number of records (e.g., 3, 5, or 10 depending on sample characteristics) in the Restricted Data provide a certain combination of values from key variables. For example, in no instance should the cell frequency of a cross-tabulation, a total for a row or column of a cross-tabulation, or a quantity figure be fewer than the appropriate threshold as determined from the sample characteristics. In general, assess empty cells and full cells for disclosure risk stemming from sampled records of a defined group reporting the same characteristics.
  - 3. No release of the statistic if the total, mean, or average is based on fewer cases than the appropriate threshold as determined from the sample characteristics.

<sup>1</sup> For more information, see the National Center for Health Statistics checklist, *NCHS Disclosure Potential Checklist* at [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nchs\\_microdata\\_release\\_policy\\_4-02A.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nchs_microdata_release_policy_4-02A.pdf); and *FCSM Statistical Policy Working Paper 22 (Second Version, 2005)* at <http://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/spwp22.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> If disclosure review rules were established for a specific Restricted Dataset, they will be included in the dataset's documentation and are covered by this Agreement.

4. No release of the statistic if the contribution of a few observations dominates the estimate of a particular cell. For example, in no instance should the quantity figures be released if one case contributes more than 60 percent of the quantity amount.
5. No release of data that permits disclosure when used in combination with other known data. For example, unique values or counts below the appropriate threshold for key variables in the Restricted Data that are continuous and link to other data from ICPSR or elsewhere.
6. No release of minimum and maximum values of identifiable characteristics (e.g., income, age, household size, etc.) or reporting of values in the “tails,” e.g., the 5<sup>th</sup> or 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, from a variable(s) representing highly skewed populations.
7. No release of ANOVAs and regression equations when the analytic model that includes categorical covariates is saturated or nearly saturated. In general, variables in analytic models should conform to disclosure rules for descriptive statistics (e.g., see #6 above).
8. In no instance should data on an identifiable case, or any of the kinds of data listed in preceding items 1-7, be derivable through subtraction or other calculation from the combination of tables released.
9. No release of sample population information or characteristics in greater detail than released or published by the researchers who collected the Restricted Data. This includes but is not limited to publication of maps.
10. No release of anecdotal information about a specific Private Person(s) or case study without prior written approval.
11. The above guidelines also apply to charts as they are graphical representations of cross-tabulations. In addition, graphical outputs (e.g., scatterplots, box plots, plots of residuals) should adhere to the above guidelines.

G. That if the identity of any Private Person should be discovered, then:

1. No use will be made of this knowledge;
2. ICPSR will be advised of the incident within five (5) business days of discovery of the incident;
3. The information that would identify the Private Person will be safeguarded or destroyed as requested by ICPSR; and
4. No one else will be informed of the discovered identity.

H. Unless other provisions have been made with ICPSR, all access to the Restricted Data will be terminated upon completion or termination of this Agreement. Investigators requiring access to the Restricted Data beyond the expiration date of this Agreement should submit a request for continuation three months prior to the end date of the Agreement.

I. That any books, articles, conference papers, theses, dissertations, reports, or other publications that employed the Restricted Data or other resources provided by ICPSR reference the bibliographic citation provided by ICPSR and be reported to ICPSR for inclusion in its data-related bibliography.

- J. To provide annual reports to ICPSR staff (through ICPSR's online data access request system), which include:
1. A copy of the annual IRB approval for the project described in the Research Description;
  2. A listing of public presentations at professional meetings using results based on the Restricted Data or Derivatives or analyses thereof;
  3. A listing of papers accepted for publication using the Restricted Data, or Derivatives or analyses thereof, with complete citations;
  4. A listing of Research Staff using the Restricted Data, or Derivatives or analyses thereof, for dissertations or theses, the titles of these papers, and the date of completion; and
  5. Update on any change in scope of the project as described in the Research Description.
- K. To notify ICPSR of a change in institutional affiliation of the Investigator, a change in institutional affiliation of any Research Staff, or the addition or removal of Research Staff on the research project. Notification must be in writing and must be received by ICPSR at least six (6) weeks prior to the last day of employment with Institution. Notification of the addition or removal of Research Staff on the research project shall be provided to ICPSR as soon as reasonably possible. Investigator's separation from Institution terminates this Agreement.
- L. Investigator may reapply for access to Restricted Data as an employee of the new institution. Re-application requires:
1. Execution of a new Agreement for the Use of Restricted Data by both the Investigator and the proposed new institution;
  2. Execution of any Pledges of Confidentiality by Research Staff at the proposed new institution;
  3. Preparation and approval of a new Data Security Plan; and
  4. Evidence of approval or exemption by the proposed new institution's IRB.
- These materials must be approved by ICPSR before Restricted Data or any derivatives or analyses may be accessed at the new institution.
- M. That if the Investigator who is changing institutions does not have the new agreement executed by the time they leave their institution, ICPSR will temporarily deactivate the Investigator's account but will maintain the Investigator's profile to save their work during the transition. Upon approval of the new online application, ICPSR will reactivate the Investigator's account. If a new agreement is not executed within three (3) month, the Investigator's account will be deleted.
- N. That use of the Restricted Data will be consistent with the Institution's policies regarding scientific integrity and human subjects research.
- O. To respond fully and in writing within ten (10) working days after receipt of any written inquiry from ICPSR regarding compliance with this Agreement.



## **VII. Violations of this Agreement**

- A. The Institution will investigate allegations by ICPSR or other parties of violations of this Agreement in accordance with its policies and procedures on scientific integrity and misconduct. If the allegations are confirmed, the Institution will treat the violations as it would violations of the explicit terms of its policies on scientific integrity and misconduct.
- B. In the event of a breach of any provision of this Agreement, Institution shall be responsible to promptly cure the breach and mitigate any damages. The Institution hereby acknowledges that any breach of the confidentiality provisions herein may result in irreparable harm to ICPSR not adequately compensable by money damages. Institution hereby acknowledges the possibility of injunctive relief in the event of breach, in addition to money damages. In addition, ICPSR may:
  - 1. Terminate this Agreement upon notice and immediately remove access to Restricted Data and any derivatives thereof;
  - 2. Deny Investigator future access to Restricted Data; and/or
  - 3. Report the inappropriate use or disclosure to the appropriate federal and private agencies or foundations that fund scientific and public policy research.
  - 4. Such other remedies that may be available to ICPSR under law or equity, including injunctive relief.
- C. In the event of a violation, the Investigator must:
  - 1. Notify ICPSR within five (5) business days;
  - 2. Stop work with the Restricted Data immediately;
  - 3. Submit a notarized affidavit acknowledging the violation to ICPSR;
  - 4. Inform the Representative of Institution of the violation and review security protocols and disclosure protections with them.
    - i. The Representative of Investigator's Institution must submit an acknowledgment of the violation and security protocols and disclosure protections review to ICPSR; and
  - 5. Reapply for access to the Restricted Data.

## **VIII. Confidentiality**

To the extent the Restricted Data are subject to a Certificate of Confidentiality, the Institution is considered to be a contractor or cooperating agency of ICPSR; as such, the Institution, the Investigator, and Research Staff are authorized to protect the privacy of the individuals who are the subjects of the Restricted Data by withholding their identifying characteristics from all persons not connected with the conduct of the Investigator's research project. "Identifying characteristics" are considered to include those data defined as confidential under the terms of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event is information Restricted Data if it: (a) was lawfully in the possession of Institution, Investigator or Research Staff before receipt from ICPSR under this Agreement; (b) is or becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement by Institution, Investigator or Research Staff; (c) is received by Institution, Investigator or Research Staff from a third party having an apparent bona fide right to disclose the information to Institution; or (d) is independently developed by Institution, Investigator or Research Staff without use of the Restricted Data.

## **IX. Incorporation by Reference**

All parties agree that the information entered into the Online Application, including the Data Security Plan, IRB approval, and any Supplemental Agreements and Confidentiality Pledges, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

## **X. Miscellaneous**

- A. All notices, contractual correspondence, and return of Restricted Data under this Agreement, excluding the actual provision of Restricted Data, shall be made in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered by electronic mail, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or by recognized delivery service to the contacts listed below:

If to The Regents of the University of Michigan

The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects  
3003 South State Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Wolverine Tower  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1274  
RE: 22-UFA03542  
e-mail: [escottw@umich.edu](mailto:escottw@umich.edu)

With a copy to:

ICPSR  
P.O. Box 1248  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248  
-or-  
[help@icpsr.umich.edu](mailto:help@icpsr.umich.edu)

If to Institution:

Grants and Contracts Officer  
Office for Sponsored Programs  
Harvard University  
1033 Massachusetts Avenue, 5th Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
[OSPunfundedagreements@harvard.edu](mailto:OSPunfundedagreements@harvard.edu)

With a copy to:

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- B. This agreement shall be effective as of the date of signature of the last party to sign (the “Effective Date”) and expires upon the earliest of: (i) 24 months from the Effective date, (ii) termination of this Agreement, or (iii) until the IRB expires, unless extended by



agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement.

- C. The respective rights and obligations of ICPSR and Investigator, Research Staff, and Institution pursuant to this Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.
- D. This Agreement and any of the information and materials entered into the Online Application may be amended or modified only by the mutual written consent of the authorized representatives of ICPSR and Investigator and Institution. Both parties agree to amend this Agreement to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority.
- E. The Representative of both parties signing this Agreement have the right and authority to execute this Agreement, and no further approvals are necessary to create a binding agreement.
- F. The obligations of either party set forth within this Agreement may not be assigned or otherwise transferred, whether through merger or consolidation, by operation of law or otherwise, without the express written consent of the other party, and any attempt to assign without such consent shall be void.
- G. ICPSR may provide Investigator and or Research Staff name, email, and organizational affiliation to the original producer of these Restricted-Use Data. The data producer may use this information to conduct internal analyses of the types of individuals using the data and to contact you to provide information regarding updates to the data, opportunities for user workshops/conferences, or other data-related communications.
- H. Neither party shall use or register the other party's name (alone or as part of another name) or any logos, seals, insignia or other words, symbols or devices that identify the other party, including any school, unit, division or affiliate ("Names") for any marketing, publicity, or promotional purposes in connection with this Agreement, except with the prior written approval of, and in accordance with restrictions required by the party whose Name is to be used. The foregoing notwithstanding, the parties agree that each party may make factual statements regarding the existence and purpose of the relationship that is the subject of this Agreement, without written permission from the other party. In any such statements, the relationship of the parties shall be accurately and appropriately described.
- I. If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, is ruled invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or is deemed unenforceable, it is the intention of the parties that the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected unless the invalid provision materially affects the rights of the parties.
- J. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, and by facsimile or electronic transmission, each of which will be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- K. Unless otherwise specified, this Agreement and its Exhibits embody the entire understanding between Data Provider and Harvard for the Purpose, and any prior or contemporaneous representations, either oral or written, are hereby superseded.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ICPSR and Institution have executed this Agreement as of the date last signed below.

**The Regents of the University of Michigan**



20 January 2023

SignNow e-signature ID: 8d6b4f09d4

SIGNATURE

DATE

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