

Call for Proposals

Use the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) for new research questions

Deadline for 2015: December 31, 2014

We would like to remind you of the possibilities of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) and encourage you to consider using this instrument for collecting household micro data that directly relate to your research. So, if you are a researcher looking for information on households or for people's opinions, the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) gives you the opportunity to collect such information.

SOEP-IS is well suited to short-term experiments, but it is particularly useful for long-term surveys that are not possible in the framework of the core SOEP—whether because the instruments are not yet established or because the questions deal with very specific research issues. Project ideas that have already been approved are (complex) **economic behavioral experiments**, Implicit Association Tests (**IAT**) and complex procedures to measure time use (Day Reconstruction Method, **DRM**).

We offer researchers at universities and research institutes worldwide the opportunity to use this sample for their research projects. Since 2013, the contents of SOEP-IS have been determined in a competitive refereed process to select and implement the “best” research questions and their operationalizations. The SOEP Research Data Center distributes the SOEP-IS data to external users as an independent dataset.

In 2014, almost 5,500 people in nearly 3,500 households will participate in the SOEP Innovation Sample. Many of these women and men have been answering core SOEP questions since 1998 as part of an extension sample to the SOEP, while others entered in 2009. These individuals provide a wealth of longitudinal data to the SOEP Innovation Sample.

As a new technical feature, for the 2014 survey of the SOEP-IS 111 smart phones are available for data collection using the experience sampling method (**ESM**). If you have an idea for using ESM in the SOEP-IS, please contact us for details.

Send us your proposals!

Deadlines

Researchers interested in submitting questions should contact SOEP Survey Management by **November 30, 2014**, to present their proposal. If the project is determined to be viable from a survey methodology perspective, an official application procedure will follow. The official application must be received by **December 31, 2014**.

Applications should be submitted in English to soep-surveymanagement@diw.de.

Evaluation

A subcommittee of the SOEP Survey Committee will then evaluate and rate the relevance and significance of the proposed questions. If the proposed project already has funding from the DFG or other funding agencies, this step of external evaluation will be skipped. Since projects funded by the DFG and other organizations providing research funding also require a guarantee of survey methodological feasibility, interested researchers should contact SOEP Survey Management before submitting an application for funding.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact David Richter (drichter@diw.de).