A note to our RDC community:

Statistics Canada will be broadcasting a live webinar to demonstrate how to use the new Microdata Access Portal (MAP). This is a new portal for researchers to submit their RDC applications. It will also discuss the new peer review process and answer any questions you may have.
This will be held on **Thursday March 5th from 1pm to 2pm**. On this day, you can click [here](#) to join and view the presentation. You can also join in by phone at 1-877-413-4782. Please speak to your analyst if you have any questions.

To access the MAP, please click [here](#). Application guidelines can be found [here](#).

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**Call for Proposals: Aboriginal People’s Survey (2017)**

The **APS 2017** collects data on Inuit, Métis and First Nations people living off-reserve (now available in the RDC). CRDCN has partnered with Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) to award ten $7,500 research grants to early-career researchers (including students and post-doctoral fellows) using the APS 2017. Researchers are encouraged to submit a proposal that focuses on policy-relevant areas, most notably economic participation, which is the focus of the 2017 APS. Other important topics that can be studied using the APS (e.g. health, labour mobility, entrepreneurship, postsecondary education, targeted skills training, income and financial well-being) will not be discounted, and indeed, preference will be given to proposals that cut across multiple themes.

**Proposal Details:**

All proposed projects should use the APS 2017, at least. Proposals will be drafted according to [this proposal template](#) and submitted to the CRDCN [here](#). No personally identifying information should be present in the completed proposal template. Student applications must attach a letter of support from a faculty-member who will assist in developing and monitoring the project. Successful candidates will be required to provide a report outlining their research process and findings to the CRDCN on or before February 28, 2021.

**The deadline for proposals is March 31, 2020.**

For more information on the proposal, letter of support, adjudication process, or deliverables, please speak to an RDC analyst.

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**New Datasets in the RDC**

**Travel Survey of Residents of Canada (TSRC) – 2011-2017**

The Travel Survey of Residents of Canada (TSRC) is a major source of data used to measure the size and status of Canada's tourism industry. It was developed to measure the volume, the
characteristics and the economic impact of domestic travel. The objectives of the survey are to provide information about the volume of trips and expenditures for Canadian residents by trip origin, destination, duration, type of accommodation used, trip reason, mode of travel, etc.; to provide information on travel incidence and to provide the socio-demographic profile of travellers and non-travellers.

There are many datasets available through the RDC. Researchers interested in accessing these datasets are encouraged to submit an RDC application. Available datasets can be viewed here: http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data.

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**RDC Tip of the Month: What’s in Your Proposal?**

When signing the Microdata Research Contract or Amendment (to be added to a project), researchers agreed to **only** conduct the analysis that was proposed in their RDC application proposal. There are many options for researchers who wish to pursue: new unrelated research, new but highly related research, revision work to address reviewers’ comments, or if the research questions have changed mid-way through analyses. We will be happy to assist you with any of these! Otherwise, we expect that researchers are honouring their proposal and contracts. Additionally, please note that project extensions should only be requested for the purposes of **finishing up** the original work that was proposed.

A reminder that by declaring that you have **no conflicts of interest**, you agreed that:

1. The research will be used only for the purposes indicated in the proposal
2. All researchers involved in the project have completely revealed all their sources of funding
3. No other person or organization has an interest in the project

Please see an analyst if you have any questions!

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