

Proposals for use of Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership (MSL) Data

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The MSL is committed to advancing evidence-based practice and empirical research in higher education particularly in the area of leadership education. To this end, we are happy to engage in data sharing to advance this important work. The MSL research program currently has two data sets (i.e., 2006 and 2009) each with slightly different variables and representing different institutional participants. MSL is an aggregate data set and due to contractual and IRB compliance issues data cannot be shared for individual institutions.

Information regarding the study is available via the study web site hosted at the Center for Student Studies in Ann Arbor, MI (www.leadershipstudy.net) or through the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs (www.nclp.umd.edu). This document outlines details about the MSL data as well as the process for requesting data.

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MSL 2006 and MSL 2009	<p>MSL currently has two master data sets each of which has data associated with the core outcome measures (i.e., social change model values, leadership efficacy, cognitive skills). Data represent general student population data from participating campuses and not any comparison data.</p> <p>2006 data: Approximately 50,000 students on 52 campuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some unique variables in this data set include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Activism ○ Appreciation of Diversity ○ Leadership Identity Development ○ Developmental Employment measures <p>2009 data: Approximately 115,000 students on 102 campuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some unique variables in this data set include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Change Behaviors ○ Outcomes of Mentoring Relationships ○ Spirituality: Search for Meaning ○ Social Perspective-Taking ○ Collective Racial Esteem ○ Campus Climate (Sense of Belong & Discriminatory)
MSL-IS	<p>The project also includes the MSL-Institutional Survey examining various campus variables that may influence leadership outcomes (e.g., budget, curriculum, specific programs). The Co-Principal investigator for this data is Dr. Julie Owen of George Mason University.</p>
Access to data	<p>As a project of the NCLP managed through an academic and student affairs partnership (largely the College Student Personnel Program in the College of Education and the Office of Campus Programs in the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland and the Higher Education Program at Loyola University Chicago), priority to access of data will be to the MSL Research Teams.</p> <p>Proposals that use variables not planned for MSL team projects will be</p>

	<p>considered on a case by case basis. Variables being used in research team articles may still be considered for use in thesis or dissertations but there may be restrictions on publications of those findings with priority given to MSL team articles.</p>
Submitting a proposal	<p>The contact person for requests to use MSL data will be Dr. Susan Komives (Komives@umd.edu) who will furnish a copy of the instrument and a list of variables for confidential use upon request.</p> <p>A proposal may be electronically submitted to Dr. Komives for consideration. Proposers can obtain an MSL variable list and copy of the instrument* prior to their proposal to aid in that process. The proposal must contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and contact information for proposer; 2. If the proposer is a student, must identify the program, university, and advisor for the study; 3. Identify the time frame for the study; 4. Provide a prospectus that contains the purpose of the study with specific research questions; 5. Identify the sample requested (e.g., institutional study and/or student study; year of data collection (e.g., 2006 or 2009); and any specific sub-sample of cases (e.g., religiously affiliated institutions, only female students); 6. Identify the specific variables that are requested in this study; 7. Identify possible publication outlets for the study if you intend to publish results. <p>* Note that the MSL instrument may not be copied, reproduced, or used for data collection without the express written permission of the co-principal investigators. Additionally, the full data set may not be requested for exploratory research. Proposers are expected to provide clear research questions and the specific variables to be used in analyses.</p>
Conditions for use	<p>The researcher(s) of an approved proposal must further agree to the following items. A document with this information will be signed by the researcher(s) prior to release of the data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain IRB approval on home campus and provide copy of documentation with signed document; 2. Follow MSL and local IRB protocols (e.g., storage of data, access to data, destroy data upon project completion); 3. If a project of a student researcher for a thesis or dissertation, provide evidence of supervision by thesis/dissertation advisor; 4. Use variables only for the proposal proposed. Must obtain additional approvals from MSL for other uses of data; 5. We encourage publications of findings; said publication must cite source of data and cite at least one of the MSL articles or a source identified by the PIs. Limitations on publications may be a stipulation in use of the data; 6. Furnish one copy (electronically) of a completed thesis or dissertation AND furnish an electronic copy of any articles published using MSL data; 7. Any publications and/ or presentations must acknowledge the source of the data and refer the audience to the NCLP or MSL web site for more information on MSL.
MSL support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a proposal is accepted, the researcher will sign an agreement to comply with the above conditions. 2. The Co-PIs will furnish a copy of the approved University of Maryland IRB for use in local campus IRB processes. 3. The researcher will be provided with a codebook of all variables in

	<p>the data set including all scales (e.g., reverse scoring, scale construction).</p> <p>4. The Co-PIs will not be able to provide statistical consulting for any proposals. Only basic information will be provided about the data. The assumption is that the user is capable of managing data without assistance. Additional consultation may be available for a separate consulting fee by an MSL team member or CSS staff member. Co-authorship may be necessary if the PIs or MSL team member provide substantial contributions to methods or other sections of the proposed study.</p>
Data CD	Upon proposal approval and local IRB approval, a CD of the data will be provided with the variables requested.
Handling fee	A handling fee of \$200 will be assessed for MSL services for approved proposals including the data CD. Checks should be made payable to the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs.
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