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The Henderson Library will host a webinar on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 4PM in Room 1300 on the availability of health-related data for research.

The objective of this webinar is to provide information to faculty, and students about the wide variety of health-related data available from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).

The presentation will describe the kinds of data and other resources housed in our archive, how you can access them, and the tools available for statistical analyses. Directors of the following specialized archives at ICPSR will discuss their mission, archival holdings, and research resources: Data Sharing for Demographic Research (DSDR), Health and Medical Care Archive (HMCA), National Addiction & HIV Data Archive Program (NAHDAP), National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging, (NACDA), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA).

Late Reports Can Result in Debarment

The latest report from The National Science Foundation’s Office of Inspector General highlights its commitment to take a more aggressive approach to the enforcement of compliance. The most notable of these approaches being the debarment of PIs who are not current with final reports. “Government-wide debarment ensures that for a defined period of time (often three years), the entire federal government will not conduct additional business with individuals and organizations that are not “presently responsible” — i.e., those that have engaged in criminal or other improper conduct of such a compelling and serious nature that it would lead one to question the parties’ honesty, ethics, or competence.”(OIG) Debarment can be imposed with or without judicial process.

For the complete report, click here.

Research Administration Question of the Month

Q: What happens if a proposal deadline falls on a day when the university is closed for an emergency?

A: It depends. If the bad weather or other emergency is affecting your sponsor’s location, they may be closed as well and you should check the sponsor website for a possible notification that your deadline might be extended. Otherwise, you should contact your program officer for an extension, which you need to get in writing (email).

Keep in mind that your program officer has no obligation to grant this request. Most agency policies clearly state, in some fashion or another, that investigators should submit a few days early, in order to avoid the problems
associated with last minute proposals.

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