

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that through its Big Data Initiative the Social Science Division will fund a number of working groups for the remainder of the academic year. The goal is to promote collective activities that bring together faculty and graduate students with interests related to big data and data science broadly speaking.

Priority will be given to:

- activities that bring together multiple faculty from more than one department or division,
- activities that are likely to lead to an ongoing exchange of ideas and collaborations,
- activities that have the potential to lead to new research ventures or widen access to ideas, data, or resources
- activities that tie into existing seminar series, conferences, or events,
- activities that can leverage complementary funding
- activities that have the potential to lead to extramural funding

To this effect, the funding will support among others the following (non-exclusive) expenses:

- travel expenses for visitors teaching a lecture or giving a presentation
- expenses for group lunches or coffee
- in special cases, expenses for meeting venues
- in special cases, expenses for access to data, software, or computing

Proposals should contain the following:

1. List of participating faculty members and graduate students
2. Brief statement of purpose (limited to 500 words)
3. Budget and budget narrative
4. Name of the coordinating faculty member
5. If warranted, documentation of other forms of intellectual or material support

The statement of purpose should summarize the proposed activities and highlight how they will help to enhance big data and data science related research at UCLA, where the listed priorities are meant to be a guide.

The total budget should not exceed \$5000 per working group spanning the Winter and Spring quarters, and, under certain circumstances, the summer quarter.

The **Due Date** for proposals will be **Friday January 17th 2020**. A PDF version of the proposal should be submitted through the website <https://bigdatasocialscience.ucla.edu/intellectual-community>.

Funding decisions will be made by the Dean based on recommendations by a faculty committee by February 1st 2020.