

MPC

Minnesota Population Center
University of Minnesota

Research Associate Wanted 1960 Data Restoration Project

The Minnesota Population Center is seeking an experienced researcher to join the IPUMS-USA project team. IPUMS-USA is an integrated database of census records from 1850 to present and Current Population Survey (CPS) records from 1962 to present.

Responsibilities

The research associate will manage ongoing projects associated with the expansion and improvement of the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-USA), with primary responsibility for the 1960 Data Restoration Project. The 1960 Data Restoration Project is a collaboration between the MPC, the Census Bureau, and the National Archives and Records Administration. Management of this project involves coordinating the staff of partner agencies and the project team in Minnesota. Staff at the Census Bureau and National Archives are scanning and capturing information from approximately 3,000,000 manuscripts from the 1960 census. When this process is complete, staff from MPC and the Census Bureau will work in secure locations to produce new data resources from the complete internal census file. The successful candidate will need to obtain Special Sworn Status to work with these data. In addition to coordinating the 1960 Data Restoration Project, the research associate will participate in the maintenance and improvement of the IPUMS-USA data series. The goal of the IPUMS-USA project is to create, harmonize, and document census microdata samples covering the nation over 150 years. This work will include training and assisting other staff in adding new datasets and improving technical documentation.

Besides project-specific duties, research associates at the Minnesota Population Center conduct grant-supported research in population studies and are expected to participate intellectually in the life of the center with faculty, other researchers, and graduate student members.

Qualifications

Required: Ph.D. in a social science discipline (e.g. Sociology, Economics, History, Geography), with a population-related topical emphasis. Applicants should have excellent written and verbal communication skills; mastery of major statistical software (SAS, Stata or SPSS); ability to learn/develop complex computer-oriented tasks with minimal supervision. Must be able to pass background check and obtain federal Special Sworn Status. *Preferred:* Experience organizing a complex multi-site project. Experience collaborating with academics and technical staff in an interdisciplinary environment. Knowledge of and experience with historical census data. Granted federal Special Sworn Status. Ongoing population-related research agenda.

Application Procedures

Applicants must apply using the U of M online system (<https://employment.umn.edu/> - requisition number 162855). Please include a resume/curriculum vitae, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references. Contact Kathy McKee (mckee@umn.edu) with any questions. We will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled.