

MJ Health Research Foundation
Health Data
Application Guidelines and Fee Schedules

General Applications (including academic research)

- i. Applicant Qualifications: professors, research staff or physicians affiliated with any domestic or foreign academic or non-profit institutions (including teaching hospitals).
- ii. Maximum Variable Size: total number of variables from both MJ Health Survey database and MJ Biodata databases should not exceed 200¹.
- iii. Authorized Period of Data Use: Two years, you can apply for an extension for six months.
- iv. Limitation on Data Use: data shall only be accessed by research staff directly involved in the study and used only within the scope described in the study proposal. Data shall not be copied or distributed to anyone outside the aforementioned study.
- v. Fee Schedule: divided into data processing fee and data fee. Data fee is calculated based on the “valid data points”; refer to the chart below for cost level. If the number of valid data points does not reach the maximum data points of the designated cost level, then the total cost is calculated as the cost from previous level plus the cost incurred by the data points in excess of the previous level in terms of the ratio of the points in excess of previous level to the total number of points within current level and charged to the nearest rounded tenth dollar. For example, when the number of valid data point is at 8.37 million,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Data fees} &= 2,400 \text{ USD} + \frac{8.37-5}{10-5} \text{ million points} \times (4,000 - 2,400) \text{ USD} \\
 &= 2,400 + 1,078.4 \\
 &= 3,478.4 \\
 &\approx 3,470 \text{ USD}
 \end{aligned}$$

Type	Description	Cost (USD)
Data Processing Fee	Cost for processing applications, data selection and release; additional charges may apply if data selection requires complicated procedure	500
Data Fee	less than or equal to 1500,000 valid data points	1,200
	1500,000 < Number of valid data points ≤ 2.5 million	1,201 ~ 1,500
	2.5 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 5 million	1,501 ~ 2,400
	5 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 10 million	2,401 ~ 4,000
	10 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 20 million	4,001 ~ 7,700
	20 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 50 million	7,701 ~ 11,700
	50 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 100 million	11,701 ~ 15,400
100 million < Number of valid data points ≤ 300 million	15,401 ~ 46,700	

¹ Basic background information is a mandatory variable and does not count towards the limit of 200 variables. Biodata has a limit of 70 variables, and health questionnaire data has a limit of 130 variables for the application.

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Note 1: A sample's value for each variable constitutes a valid data point. Number of samples multiplied by number of variables, then minus number of missing data points equals number of valid data points.

Note 2: If user wants to change the requested number of variables or number of data points after application is approved but before delivering the data, then data fee is calculated based on the final number of valid data points, but additional \$350 USD will be added to data processing fee.