

Call for Research Proposals

The Private Capital Research Institute (PCRI) is now accepting academic research proposals for access to PCRI databases. Doctoral students will be given preference.

The Private Capital Research Institute (PCRI) is a non-profit organization that works to further the understanding of the economic impact of private capital through independent academic studies. PCRI's primary goal is to produce high quality academic research on the private capital industry based in large part on the comprehensive, centralized academic databases of private capital activity that the PCRI is building. For information regarding the data, please visit our website at www.privatecapitalresearchinstitute.org.

Proposal Guidelines

How to Apply:

1. Please submit a 2-3 page description of your proposed research plan. Please be very specific on how you intend to use the PCRI database and clearly describe your research methodology.
2. Doctoral students must provide a letter of recommendation from their research advisor.
3. In the proposal, be sure to include the following information:
 - a. Name and title
 - b. Contact Information (address, email, phone number)
 - c. Institution
 - d. Name and contact information of academic advisor, if you are a graduate student
4. Please note that Requestor will be granted access to the PCRI data for a period of one year. Requester will be able to apply for an extension at that point.
5. Research proposal will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the PCRI Academic Advisory Committee.
6. The PCRI data is stored at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago. If you are accepted, you will be required to sign a PCRI/NORC Data User Agreement. Please see the PCRI website for a copy of this agreement.
 - a. Please note that access to the data sets will be limited solely to the Requestor, unless otherwise noted.
 - b. The head of your department or Dean of your institution will be required to sign the Data User Agreement
 - c. Requester will be subject to a confidentiality agreement
 - d. Data usage and outputs will be subject to monitoring by the PCRI and the NORC.
7. If you need additional financial assistance, please submit a proposed budget along with your proposal.