

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Procedures for Obtaining Dataset

Investigators wishing to request limited access data sets related to the NIAAA National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions-III must complete and sign a Data Use Agreement (DUA) including: 1) the name of the requester ("recipient"); 2) a list of authorized users of the data, including the Principal Investigator; and 3) a brief description of the research project for which the data are to be used. Requesters must also include a copy of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for their study. **Please note that due to the wealth of individual level data available on study participants, the possibility of direct identification of a study subject cannot be entirely eliminated. Therefore, only expedited or full IRB reviews can be accepted. IRB letters of exemption are not sufficient.**

Individuals who wish to use the NESARC-III limited access data who do not have access to an Institutional Review Board (e.g., recent graduates) may contact the NESARC-III DAC.

The DUA describes the following restrictions placed upon the requester as a condition of receiving the limited access data set: 1) use of the data for the sole purpose of the described research project; 2) non-transferability of the DUA; 3) agreement not to attempt to identify or contact study subjects; 4) compliance with relevant IRB requirements, including a non-exempted review of the proposed study; and 5) prior notification of NIAAA of upcoming publications, as well as acknowledgment in publications of support of NIAAA and NIH NIAAA intramural program for data collection.

An original signed paper copy of the DUA should be mailed to: NESARC-III Data Access Committee, Laboratory of Epidemiology and Biometry, Division of Clinical and Biological Research, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 5635 Fishers Lane, Room 3080, Rockville, MD 20852. On receipt of the signed DUA each request will be reviewed by the NIAAA Data Access Committee (DAC) that will consist of NIAAA scientists supplemented, when necessary, by outside consultants with expertise in the relevant scientific fields and ethical issues protecting the confidentiality of research participants. Upon approval of the signed DUA and IRB approval, the data set will be available for downloading in a secured and encrypted format by a recipient investigator, typically within 2-4 weeks. Inquiries and comments may be e-mailed to NIAAA-NESARC-III@mail.nih.gov.