

NESDA DATA ACCESS POLICY

In principle, NESDA data are available to all scientific researchers working at non-commercial research organizations worldwide. For researchers working at commercial organizations (e.g. pharmaceutical industry) we have more strict data access procedures (see below). Researchers can request either existing data for data analyses or bioanalysis.

We value scientific collaboration. A large group of central NESDA researchers (see www.nesda.nl) have established the NESDA cohort study and created its research infrastructure. Consequently, they have expert knowledge on the collected data and instruments used, and can make certain the data is used with the maximum potential.

NESDA takes part in a number of international research and biobank collaborations, and is part of the Dutch national infrastructure on biobanks (BBMRI-NL). NESDA has already made a considerable scientific contribution. In total over 700 analyses proposals have been approved, and over 500 papers on NESDA data have been published in scientific journals to date. Please visit the online data overview for an extensive overview of the available data and NESDA's current output (www.nesda.nl).

How to request data?

Scientists can apply for data and samples through submitting a research proposal to the NESDA P&P committee (nesda@amsterdamumc.nl). This research proposal includes a short description of the background of the research, specific research questions, methodology, and the proposed statistical analyses. Forms can be downloaded from www.nesda.nl. Proposals that request an additional data collection can also be submitted but will be additionally reviewed by the internal organization on feasibility, planning and practical implications. The costs involved for accessing the data to write a scientific paper are listed below.

	Costs (Euro's)
Researchers embedded in the current NESDA research infrastructure (junior/senior researchers from psychiatry, psychology and general practice departments of VUMC, UMCG, LUMC and associated Mental Health Organisations)	-
Researchers from other scientific (non-commercial) institutions but with strong collaboration with an embedded NESDA researcher	-
Scientific researcher from other scientific non-commercial institutions without a strong collaboration with an embedded NESDA researcher	7500
Reseachers from other (e.g. commercial) organizations	TBD: Need to establish a research funding contract (see below)

Prior to submission of a paper, researchers are asked to send their abstracts and manuscripts to NESDA's P&P committee for a general check on correct reference to NESDA. NESDA also asks to receive the published version, to use in communication to participants, researchers and funding organizations.

Submitting for research funding using NESDA's data?

Using NESDA's data for research funding applications can be useful. The already collected data are worth many millions of research Euro's. Through extension, new innovative research questions can be addressed. Separate approval needs to be obtained for this (nesda@amsterdamumc.nl) and a cost estimate will be calculated based on the data involved and the requirements for data management. Some basic principles for these costs are listed below.

Table 1: Costs involved to write a grant proposal that includes NESDA data:	
	Costs (Euro's)
Researchers embedded in the current NESDA research infrastructure (junior/senior researchers from psychiatry, psychology and general practice departments of VUMC, UMCG, LUMC and associated MHOs)	Guiding price: 10,000 But TBD*
Other researchers from other scientific (non-commercial) research institutions (in collaboration with an embedded NESDA researcher)	Guiding price: 30,000 But TBD*
Reseachers from other (e.g. commercial) organizations	A research contract should be established. In principle, 5% of the overall budget should go back to NESDA's central datamanagement
*TBD: centralisation is difficult and depends on the grant agency requirements and criteria. This will have to be decided upon on an individual basis. However, in principle funding per project application should be requested to facilitate in NESDA's central datamanagement. We suggest 10,000 Euro for projects requested by NESDA researchers and at least 30,000 Euro for projects requested by others.	