



HPRI RESEARCH  
ACCELERATOR

## About the Research Accelerator

The Homelessness Research Accelerator is a project of the Homelessness Policy Research Institute (HPRI) at USC and HPRI member California Policy Lab (CPL). HPRI is a collaborative of over thirty researchers and policymakers that accelerate equitable and culturally informed solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County by advancing knowledge and fostering transformational partnerships between research, policy, and practice. The HPRI Research Accelerator is a data enclave hosted by CPL at UCLA containing de-identified Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) data for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. Its purpose is to make HMIS data available to a wider group of researchers working to solve homelessness in Los Angeles. The data enclave is remotely accessible via encrypted VPN from your home computer.

## Accessing the Research Accelerator Data Enclave

Data access is accomplished in three main steps described below. Note that researchers and their organizations only complete step two and portions of step three one time. Please email us at [ResearchAccelerator@capolicylab.org](mailto:ResearchAccelerator@capolicylab.org) to initiate the access process.

### 1. Step 1: Project proposal and LAHSA approval (**once per project**)

Researchers will submit to CPL a completed **Research Project Description form** for approval by LAHSA. CPL will transmit **Research Project Description form** to LAHSA. We are hopeful LAHSA will review and approve projects in approximately two weeks. CPL will provide assistance in completing the Project Description form and help assess project feasibility. This step must be completed for every new project even if a researcher has prior Research Accelerator data enclave access.

### 2. Step 2: Data Use Sub-Agreement (**once only for each institution**)

Your organization or university must sign a Data Use Sub-Agreement (DUSA) between UCLA and your organization. The DUSA ensures that the terms of the primary Research Accelerator Data Use Agreement flow down to researchers and their organization(s).

### 3. Step 3: Researcher Training (**mix of one time only and once per project**)

Researchers will complete CPL's IT Training that introduces the data enclave and provides background on data access and security procedures. The training is recorded and lasts approximately 15 minutes. Researchers need to complete this training **one time only**.

Researchers will also Complete CPL's Data Use Agreement & Privacy Training. Like the IT training, the training is recorded and lasts approximately 15 minutes. Unlike the IT training, researchers must complete this training **once per project**.

Finally, researchers will complete a Data Access Request Form that further documents their data use and access request and ensures compliance with CPL's data access procedures. Researchers will complete this form **once per project**.

### **Accessing the Research Accelerator Community**

All HPRI members can participate in community resources prior to getting data access. Resources include a **community Wiki** and **HPRI Slack** with a channel dedicated to the Research Accelerator and LA HMIS data. These resources will help new users get to know LA's HMIS data and build a community of practice around rigorous data use and analysis. Email [ResearchAccelerator@capolicylab.org](mailto:ResearchAccelerator@capolicylab.org) to get Wiki credentials. HPRI provides access to their Slack workspace.