

Call for Modules

FReDA-Panel Autumn 2022 (Wave 2b)

Every year, the FReDA team allows the submission of modules and questions – and invites you to contribute your own research content to FReDA. This can consist of a number of submissions from different applicants, with a total of 3 minutes of questioning time available. After reviewing the suitability of the form and content of the questions, the FReDA committees decide which submissions will be included in the FReDA open module.

What is FReDA?

„FReDA – The German Family Demography Panel Study“ is a study that collects survey data on family life and the population in Germany every six months. The survey itself is self-administered and uses web and paper-based questionnaires.

FReDA makes the collected data available to the research community. The panel structure of this data basis permits long-term research into a large number of issues surrounding people’s families and personal lives over the course of a lifetime.

The FReDA topics include:



Families and private living arrangements



Couple relationships and the division of tasks within partnerships



Desire to have children, family planning



Parenthood and parent-child relationships



Intergenerational relationships

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>> SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please note the following when submitting modules or individual questions:

>> Submissions can be made in German or English. However, a German translation must be provided for any questions in English, as the FReDA study itself is conducted in German.

>> The FReDA study is conducted in self-administered mode. The questions must therefore be suitable for both CAWI and paper-based (PAPI) questionnaires. Ideally, the questions will be identical in both survey modes. If there are discrepancies between the questions in the different survey modes, both a CAWI and a PAPI version must be submitted.

>> The overall estimated time for answering the questions must not exceed 3 minutes. Shorter modules or single questions are welcome, too.

>> The questions should not overlap with existing FReDA questions. A list of these can be found here:

<https://www.freda-panel.de/FReDA/DE/Daten/Offene-Module/Offene-Module.html>

Submissions should include the following details:

>> Name, email address and affiliation of all applicants, as well as a brief profile of the main applicant (max. 1/2 page)

>> Outline of the research question, in particular alignment within the current research and expected knowledge to be gained (max. 1 page)

>> Description of how the content and method relate to the FReDA study, as well an outline of what significance your submission holds for current research and its further development (max. 1 page)

>> Submitted questions should be based on established concepts (include operationalisation of questions). Ideally, the questions will already have been tested or have proven successful in other survey programmes. Please describe the provenance of the questions and, where applicable, their original use (including names of relevant publications). Provide an overview of the authorship. If pre-tests are available, please describe the results and sources (max. 1/2 page). In exceptional cases, untested questions can be submitted if their design requires no extensive testing (please give a brief explanation).

>> Experiments and integrated multimedia are excluded.

Decision-making body

>> As part of a multi-stage decision-making process, the significance and relevance of the proposed questions and their content will be reviewed and weighted. This rating is the basis for deciding which submissions to include in the open survey module.

Evaluation criteria

The submissions are evaluated based on formal and content-related criteria:

- >> Academic and / or social relevance of the research question
- >> Methodological adequacy
- >> Quality of the questions / question module
- >> Fit of the questions / question module within the FReDA study design

The final date for submissions is June 30th, 2021.

The FReDA team will conduct an initial assessment of the submissions to check their feasibility and adherence to the formal criteria mentioned above. You will be notified immediately if one or more criteria are not met.

You will be notified of the outcome by October 2021.

We look forward to receiving your proposals. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. **Contact Dr. Robert Naderi (freda@bib.bund.de)** at the Federal Institute for Population Research.