



# COLUMBIA | ECONOMICS

## Program for Economic Research

### Call for Proposals CFM-Columbia PER Data Initiative

Dear Ph.D. Students:

Thanks to those of you who attended the meeting on the CFM-Columbia PER data initiative on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. We had 50+ attendance, which our CFM representatives really appreciated.

This email serves as the call for proposals to use the large set of alternative data provided by [CFM](#). There are 60+ datasets available (listed in the [attached slides](#)), including consumer credit card, mobile phone data, supply chain data, patent data, and transportation data, etc.

The deadline for proposals is **December 2, 2019**.

There will be a committee composing of Columbia Economics faculty and CFM data scientists who will select the proposals.

We expect to select 2 to 4 proposals by early 2020 with the idea that the authors can start research at the CFM headquarters in midtown as the Spring semester begins. Selected proposals have one year to work intensively to complete their research. A project's data will then be stored for future revisions.

As we said, there are no topic limitations. We seek proposals across all fields of economics.

We suggest that students team up for proposals.

Proposals should try to utilize multiple datasets.

Proposals should target around 5 pages.

We have created a message board using the Financial Economics Colloquium course page. The course page will serve as the announcement/message board where students can query Charles-Albert Lehalle and Adam Rej of CFM should any questions arise during the proposal writing process and also moving forward a repository of information regarding the CFM datasets, etc.

Please fill out the following Google Form and we will give you access to the message board, <https://forms.gle/nnDE7Wa4ttyi3DED8>.

Sincerely,  
Harrison Hong