Office Hours

Data requests begin with an in-person consultation at CRDW Office Hours. Get started with your data request by emailing us to book an office hours appointment. CRDW office hours are an opportunity for researchers to initiate data requests, discuss the status of requests in progress, and explore the data available for research. The discussion at this initial meeting also allows the CRDW team to develop a good-faith estimate for each new request.

The Data Request Process

The data request process is initiated with an office hours meeting between the client and CRI staff. Our staff use the information gathered at this preparatory meeting to develop a good-faith estimate of the time required for the request. This estimate and a statement of work are presented to the user for approval. We are committed to supporting all BSD groups, and will work with each user to develop an acceptable timeline and total cost.

All data requests are submitted through the ACReS data request form found here.

Before fulfilling a request, the CRI verifies any protected health information requested with the IRB. A sample data extract is provided for user approval before the full data extract is provided. Once the request is complete, an invoice is sent to the client. The average turnaround time for a data request is 4-6 weeks; however, this may change based upon available resources and the complexity of the request. Expedited requests may be possible for an additional fee, depending upon availability.
Charge Plan

CRDW services are partially subsidized by generous support from the BSD Dean’s Office and the Institute for Translational Medicine (ITM). Office hours consultations and the time spent refining requests and developing estimates and statements of work are provided free of charge. Time spent fulfilling data requests is then billed based on whether the request is standard, expedited, or urgent.

For pricing, please email cri@bsd.uchicago.edu to request a copy of the CRI Charge Guide.

We’ve partnered with the ITM to expand their Core Subsidy Program to include grants for CRDW data requests. Approximately 15 awards are made each grant year on a rolling basis, with each applicant eligible for one award of up to $1,000 each year. For information on the application process, visit the ITM.

Further Resources

For more in-depth information about using the CRDW, please see these documents on our website:

- Obligations of CRDW Data Requestors
- CRDW Policies and Workflows
- Step-by-step instructions for retrieving your CRDW data
- Acknowledging the CRDW in a grant proposal or paper

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at datarequest@bsd.uchicago.edu.