The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for proposals for academic research projects using the Searle Center’s database on Technology Standards and Standard Setting Organizations (SSOs).

The selected research projects in economics, management strategy, and law can make use of original data on the rules and membership of SSOs, published technology standards, and declared standard-essential patents.

In addition, the database offers in-depth coverage of standardization processes at the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

Further information regarding the Searle Center database and the Innovation Economics Project is here.

Selected applicants will be expected to present their working papers at the Fourth Annual Research Roundtable on Innovation Economics to be held in Spring, 2016 in Chicago, IL.

Applications for use of the database should include the following:

- Full professional contact information, including title and affiliation of the main researchers
- Brief bios of the main researchers
- Short description (approx. 1 page) of your research project including your research question. Please be sure to detail how you intend to utilize the data and if possible, please identify which parts of the data you would like to use
• Priority will be given to projects that connect the Searle Center database with other databases. Please indicate what other data you would use in your research project, and whether this data is or can be made available to other researchers.

Authors will be free to publish their work with appropriate acknowledgement of the Searle Center Data base.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Proposals should be submitted to searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu no later than **August 15, 2015.** Please indicate that these are proposals to use the Searle Center Database.

**NOTIFICATION DEADLINE:** Research Proposals will be reviewed by a scientific committee. Researchers will be notified of the committee’s decisions on or around **September 1, 2015.**

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