



The SMART Lab (Social and traditional Media And Research Tools Lab, within the College of Journalism and Mass Communications), a new core facility at UNL, is issuing a call for proposals for SMART Lab Seed Data Grants. These grants will be available to University of Nebraska researchers needing access to “big data” from social and traditional media sources, including X, Reddit, Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram, news, blogs, forums, and more.

Researchers* are invited to complete a brief proposal to request harvesting/mining of media data for one project during spring or summer of 2025, at no cost** to the researchers. All grantees would be expected to submit a report 90 days after data is provided outlining key findings and their plan for extramural funding.

[Submit your proposal here](#)

A small number of projects will be selected for these SMART Lab Seed Data Grants, while resources last. Priority will be given to early proposals, research expected to lead to external funding or publications, and first-time applicants. Projects that do not support external funding requests or publications are unlikely to receive an award without compelling rationales for the need.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, until all data grants have been made.

Questions? Learn more at <https://go.unl.edu/smartlab> or email us at smartlab@unl.edu .

**Data includes up to 10,000 mentions (eg, posts/data records) of your research project’s keywords. Researchers may be able to purchase data (above the 10,000-mention limit) for their projects.

*Researchers include any scholars eligible to apply for federal funding.