

SUBJECT: TEACHING REPRODUCIBLE METHODS IN ECONOMICS AT LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Dear Professor <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

You are invited to participate in a research project led by [REDACTED]. [Economic research has become increasingly empirical](#), and according to standards of the American Statistical Association (ASA), authors of research involving statistical analysis have an ethical responsibility to “promote sharing of data and methods” and “make documentation suitable for replicate analyses” available (ASA 2016). In response to widespread calls for improved transparency, [the American Economic Association recently appointed its first Data Editor](#), with a mission to “design and oversee the AEA journals’ strategy for archiving and curating research data and promoting reproducible research”.

This study is designed to determine the prevalence of teaching reproducible research methods in the undergraduate economics curriculum at liberal arts colleges (LACs) in the United States. We are interested in if you are teaching reproducible methods, and if so, *what* you are teaching (which reproducible methods), *how* you are teaching it (pedagogies or methods of instruction), and *why* (what are the intended student learning objectives).

We would very much appreciate your participation – **it should take only 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. All participants completing the survey prior to July 14, 2021 will be entered in a lottery to receive a \$20 Visa gift card.** Please click below to complete the survey:

<<SURVEY LINK>>

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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