The IRIS Replication Award

£300 will be awarded every two years to a published (or accepted) self-labeled replication* study that has used (or adapted) materials (i.e., elicitation instruments, stimuli, or data) held on IRIS.

Submissions must include:

i) the article or chapter (with evidence of ‘in press’ status, if not already published);

ii) the materials from IRIS and any adaptations of them. Adaptations should be uploaded to IRIS, with a note to link it to the earlier study’s materials. Please provide the URL(s) for all relevant materials on IRIS in a short cover letter.

IRIS now accepts data and code of all kinds, and we encourage applicants to submit their raw data and/or code along with their other materials.

Review Process

Submissions can be made to iris@iris-database.org at any time. This round will close at midnight (GMT) on 30th November 2024. The study must have been published (or accepted) from 1st December 2022 onwards. All submissions will be reviewed by the IRIS directors and up to two anonymous reviewers. The first award will be announced by 28th February 2025.

Please note that IRIS operates the following system to reduce any conflict of interest:

- If the selected article is from one of the journals in which one of the directors of IRIS is involved as an editor or Board member, that person's evaluations are withdrawn from the final decision-making.
- If the selected article continues to receive the highest evaluations among the remaining evaluations, then the award can go ahead. If the selected article no longer receives the highest evaluations, all the evaluations are considered again but with the evaluation by the reviewer in question for the previously selected article withdrawn from the process.
- If there is a tie in the highest ratings, a new reviewer will be brought in to arbitrate and make a final decision.

Replications using materials developed by the current IRIS Directors (Emma Marsden, Luke Plonsky, and Cylcia Bolibaugh) are not eligible.

Criteria for award

Submissions will be welcome from any area of language-related research broadly defined, including multilingualism, language education, research methodology. All
domains of language-related research, methodological approaches, and theoretical perspectives are welcome.

Submissions will be reviewed against the following criteria:

∙ Strength of the justification for the replication.
∙ Soundness and transparency of methods and analysis, including clarity about how these are similar/different to those of the initial study.
∙ Degree to which the discussion and conclusions are warranted by the methods, data and analysis.
∙ Integration of the findings from the initial study(ies) into the set-up, analysis and interpretation of the replication study.

If two or more submissions meet all the above criteria equally, special consideration will then be given to replications with one or more of the following characteristics:

∙ Multi-site replications
∙ Open data
∙ Pre-registered studies, including Registered Reports
∙ Direct or partial replications (though we emphasize that conceptual replications, which change more than one significant variable, are also very welcome and strongly encouraged)

Please direct any questions to iris@irisdatabase.org.

*The study is labeled with the word “replication” in the title and/or abstract.*