**Spoken BNC2014 Early Access Data Grant Scheme – Application Form**

Lancaster University’s ESRC funded [Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science (CASS)](http://cass.lancs.ac.uk/?page_id=1386) and [Cambridge University Press](http://languageresearch.cambridge.org/index.php/spoken-british-national-corpus) are excited to announce the Spoken British National Corpus 2014 Early Access Data Grant scheme.

Please read the following information, then complete this application form and email it to Robbie Love (r.m.love@lancaster.ac.uk) by **Friday 11th December 2016.** You will be notified of the outcome of your application via email by **Monday 11th January 2016**.

Guidelines for application and notes on the *Early-Access Subset of the Spoken BNC2014* (hereafter: the EAS):

The data

* The EAS is a subset of the Spoken British National Corpus 2014 that is approximately five million words in length (exact size and specification to be confirmed in due course). It contains transcripts of informal conversations between speakers whose first language is British English. The recordings, produced between 2012 and2015, contain between two and nine speakers, and the majority of speakers are very familiar with each other (family members/friends). Recordings were conducted in a range of settings but most typically the home of one or more of the speakers. Speakers represent wide ranges of age, dialect, and socio-economic status; however the EAS is not ‘balanced’ according to such demographic categories – some categories will be substantially more populated than others. To characterise the EAS, the existing corpus that is most similar to the EAS in terms of contents is the *demographic* subset of the original BNC’s spoken component.
* Successful applicants will be granted access to the EAS via Lancaster University’s CQPweb server (cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk). Only those applicants who are named in the application form will be granted access to the EAS (if successful).
* All named applicants must possess a **Lancaster University** CQPweb user account at the point of application. To create a user account, please visit <https://cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk/>

The proposal

* Proposals may be up to 300 words in length, excluding any references.
* Proposals can approach the data from any theoretical angle, provided corpus methodologies are used and the research can be carried out within the affordances of CQPweb. Standard CQPweb functionality will be provided, including annotation (POS tagging, lemmatisation, semantic tagging) and with one new feature: the ability to search the corpus according to speaker metadata such as gender, age, dialect and socio-economic status.
* Proposals may involve at most three applicants (one lead investigator and up to two collaborators). Applicants may be involved in a maximum of one proposal.

The research

* Successful applicants will receive access to the EAS in **February 2016**,and undertake to complete their proposed project and write it up as a full-length paper. This paper is to be submitted by the deadline in **October 2016** (specific dates will be provided to successful applicants in due course and with ample notice). Subject to peer review, this paper will be published in one of the Spoken BNC2014 launch publications in 2017 (a special issue of the International Journal of Corpus Linguistics has been agreed and a thematic edited collection is being planned). This paper should be between 4,000 words and 8,000 words in length, inclusive of all associated text (title, abstract, references, appendices, etc.).
* Data grants will be allocated to a maximum of twenty successful proposals.

**Application Form**

**Title of proposed research:**

[INSERT TEXT HERE]

Lead applicant

 Surname:

 Forename:

 Affiliation:

 Email address:

 CQPweb (cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk) username:

Second applicant (if applicable)

 Surname:

 Forename:

 Affiliation:

Email address:

CQPweb (cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk) username:

Third applicant (if applicable)

 Surname:

 Forename:

 Affiliation:

Email address:

CQPweb (cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk) username:

**Research proposal (maximum 300 words, excluding references):**

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