

Opportunity Title: Rapid Improvement of Judgmental Calibration

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How to Apply

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Application Deadline 3/1/2021 12:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description

Research Topic Description, including Problem Statement:

Intelligence analysts and other analysts often make numerical estimates of two types: (1) An estimate of the probability of a certain proposition, such as, "It is 80 percent likely that this country has this type of weapon," or (2) An estimate of a value along a continuous range. This second type is often given as a probability interval, e.g., "There is a 90 percent chance that the number of people infected with this disease is between 25,000 and 30,000." The accuracy of both types of estimates is a product of analysts' subject-matter knowledge and their skill in making well-calibrated numerical estimates. The Postdoc will develop easy-to-learn and easy-to-use software that rapidly and substantially improves people's judgmental calibration. The software will improve the calibration in both types of numerical judgments identified above. It will improve calibration with no loss of performance in discrimination. It will be effective for people with or without training in mathematics or statistics.

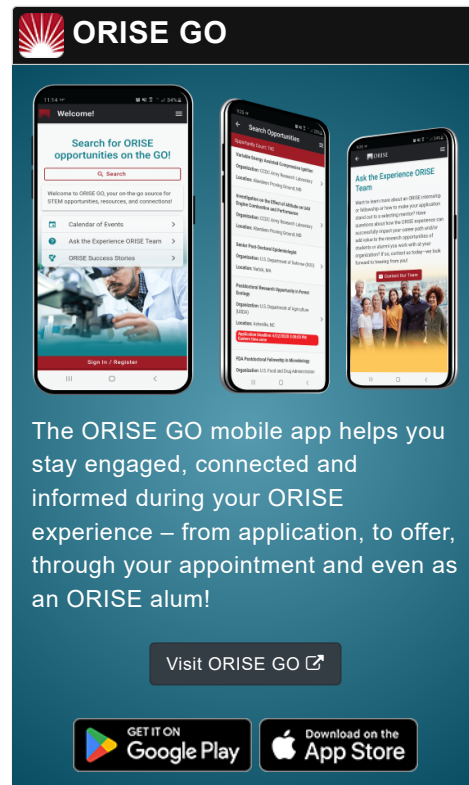
Example Approaches:

An online game, requiring minimal or no instruction, where users make numerical estimates and receive feedback in the form of points earned for correct answers. The feedback has the effect of rapidly and substantially improving users' judgmental calibration and they can effectively apply this skill to new numerical estimation tasks beyond those in the game.

Relevance to the Intelligence Community:

Substantially improving intelligence analysts' judgmental calibration will enable them to make more-accurate numerical estimates.

Key Words: Judgmental Calibration, Judgment and Decisionmaking, Probability

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Estimation, Numerical Estimation, Uncertainty Analysis, Statistical Analysis

Qualifications

Postdoc Eligibility

- U.S. citizens only
- Ph.D. in a relevant field must be completed before beginning the appointment and within five years of the application deadline
- Proposal must be associated with an accredited U.S. university, college, or U.S. government laboratory
- Eligible candidates may only receive one award from the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

Research Advisor Eligibility

- Must be an employee of an accredited U.S. university, college or U.S. government laboratory
- Are not required to be U.S. citizens

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (12 )
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (17 )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** (21 )
 - **Engineering** (27 )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (45 )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (10 )
 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (2 )
 - **Physics** (16 )
 - **Science & Engineering-related** (1 )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (27 )