

**INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION
PEACE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM**
Proposal Instructions, Round VII (Winter 2021)



Overview

IPA's Peace and Recovery (P&R) program has launched its seventh Call for Proposals. **Proposals are due November 8, 2021.** Those interested in applying are asked to first read the P&R Program's [Guiding Principles and Funding Priorities](#).

Please reach out to peace@povertyaction.org with any questions.

The P&R Program will consider the following types of proposals:

- **Exploratory grants:** These grants are to develop preliminary research ideas. The expectation is that these grants help researchers develop subsequent proposals for pilots or full randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Activities may include travel, relationship development, descriptive analysis, observational analysis, and data development or collection. These grants are so reserved for junior faculty, PhD students, and other researchers who do not have other sources of funding for travel and exploratory work. Tenured professors from major research universities are strongly discouraged from applying for these start-up funds. Awards are between \$1,000 and \$30,000.
- **Pilot studies:** These grants are for studies with a clear research question, but for which the design and implementation requires substantial upfront investments. The expectation is that this work helps researchers develop subsequent proposals for full RCTs. Activities could include further trial-and-error piloting; partner development; developing new measurement strategies or instruments; analysis of existing data; or new data development or collection. Awards are between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Projects should apply for the funds needed to yield the best research but (all other things equal) lower budgets have a higher probability of being funded.
- **Full studies:** These grants are for research projects with a clear research question, committed implementing partner(s), well-defined research designs, and statistical power estimates. While most of the impact evaluations funded will be RCTs, studies that use high-quality natural experiments will be considered in exceptional cases when a randomized experiment is not possible. Grants can also fund the continuation or completion of RCTs that have already started without P&R funding (including those for which data collection is complete). This includes long-run follow-ups from previously published evaluations, as well as "downstream studies" that use an already-completed randomized trial to answer a P&R-relevant question. The expectation is that this work will result in a paper publishable in a top economic, political science, or science journal. Awards are between \$50,000 and \$450,000. Projects should apply for the funds needed to yield the best research but (all other things equal) lower budgets have a higher probability of being funded.
- **"Infrastructure" and "public goods" creation:** This includes the creation of administrative datasets, panel datasets, other new data, software, measurement strategies, and so forth. Projects will represent a public good for the research community and/or policy stakeholders, with data or tools that can support several research projects or types of analyses, often ultimately supporting the implementation of future randomized evaluations. Awards are between \$50,000 and \$150,000.
- **Reviews and meta-analysis of relevant literatures:** This includes but is not necessarily limited to the program evaluation evidence. Awards are between \$5,000 and \$30,000.
- **Evidence use and policy outreach support:** These grants support development of relationships with policymakers, take-up and dissemination of evidence, sharing and analysis of administrative data, and exploration potential experimental evaluations. The funding could be used to embed a research staff member in an organization, produce preliminary scoping exercises to ensure interventions are context-appropriate, host matchmaking events or conferences, or other activities that achieve similar aims. Awards are capped at \$25,000.

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Peace & Recovery Program: Application Instructions

This document provides application instructions for the Peace & Recovery (P&R) Program's call for proposals. Applicants are asked to use the following templates when submitting their applications:

- [Template for Pilot and Full Study Proposals](#)
- [Template for Exploratory Grant Proposals](#)
- [Budget Template](#) (to be used for both Pilot/Full Study and Exploratory Grant Proposals)

For more information about the request for proposals and P&R Program, read the [Guiding Principles and Funding Priorities](#), and visit the [P&R Competitive Fund page](#).

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