**Indian Scholars Program**

**Full Evaluation and Pilot Studies - Proposal Narrative**

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*All proposal narratives should limit their submissions to a 6-page maximum. Full evaluation proposals are required to fill out a 1-page technical appendix.*

**I. Study Abstract (100-150 words)**

**II. Research Question and Relevance to government administrative data use in the health or climate sector**

A summary of the policy problem that motivates this research and how it fits the themes covered by the program

1. *What is the question this evaluation answers? How does it contribute to the relevant literature? Contextualize the contribution to the current policy context/ debate.*
2. *How does it use government administrative data in the health or climate change space? If you plan to use private sources of data, or primary data collection, how would it complement or validate administrative data?*
3. *Does the research affect in any way, the manner in which the respective administrative dataset(s) is used by the government for decision making? How do you plan to institutionalize the learnings from your engagement?*

**III. Background & Government Partner Context**

1. *Describe the target population and the implementing partner. Additionally, describe implementing partner commitment and confirmation of implementation funding, if any (i.e. government or otherwise).*
2. *Describe your history of engagement with the mentioned government partner*
3. *Have you engaged with similar government partners and studied their administrative data in the past? If yes,* 
   1. *Mention your experience (both government engagement and data related experience)*
   2. *Mention if any academic paper came out of your research with the government.*
4. *Have you generated any public goods for policymakers? For e.g. have you been part of workshops/ trainings aimed at policy makers/ govt officials? Have you co-authored any Articles / opeds / blogs/ reports with govt partners?*

**IV. Experimental Design and Program Description**

1. *What is the treatment? How will it be evaluated?*
2. *What is the role of administrative data in this evaluation?*

*Pilot studies can discuss the proposed interventions that are currently being scoped and could be evaluated through a full evaluation later.*

**V. Theory of Change**

*Explain the intervention’s proposed theory of change.*

**VI. Outcomes of Interest**

*Provide information on how and when measurement will happen.*

**VII. Data collection details**

*Describe data collection (if using primary data) and data management and protection (for primary and secondary data) during the entire course of the project*

**VII. Sample Size and Power Calculations**

*Provide critical information on the proposed sample size and supporting power calculations. For more in depth demonstration, full evaluation proposals can use the technical appendix. Pilot proposals can use this section to discuss data collection activities they intend to undertake.*

**VIII. Timeline**

*Demonstrate a clear project timeline (Gant chart preferred) including short-term markers of success.*

**IX. Budget Justification**

**Technical Appendix**

*While the proposal narrative should be a complete proposal, please use this page to provide more complete information on the technical components of the proposal.*

***This may include aspects related to sample size, statistical power, clustering, estimated effect size, etc. This section may also include a description of targeted outcomes, plans for multiple hypothesis testing, and concerns regarding spillovers.***