



## **Short-Term Research Management (STReaM) FAQs**

### **What is the cost of STReaM support?**

The cost of STReaM depends on the level of support needed from J-PAL North America staff. Typical “packages” of support are described in the application instructions. PIs can select the level of engagement they need within the activities shown in the STReaM questionnaire application (described in the full description of STReaM). Estimates will be refined in conversation with J-PAL North America staff after the application is sent and before award decisions are made.

### **How long will STReaM support last?**

STReaM support includes the efforts of a remote Research Manager (RM) and Research Associate (RA) who will dedicate 20-50% of their time to the project. We anticipate that the typical length of STReaM involvement will last up to six months, with flexibility for extending the timeline depending on project needs.

### **What kind of support can STReaM provide?**

STReaM staff provide research management support. Examples include support related to experimental design and initial stakeholder messaging, evaluation piloting, and early study implementation. These are further detailed in the [full STReaM description](#). Feel free to reach out to us at [stream@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:stream@povertyactionlab.org) with questions about your project needs.

### **Who will provide support through STReaM?**

J-PAL North America full-time research staff will be matched to work on STReaM projects based on availability and interest. STReaM staff have prior experience developing and running randomized evaluations and will have resources and oversight from J-PAL North America staff leadership. STReaM staff may train permanent research staff with best practices identified by J-PAL North America. For more information on potential training and staff background, see the description for [J-PAL Global Staff Training](#).

**What is the review process?**

Applicants will be asked to complete a questionnaire to indicate their interest in receiving STReaM support, concurrently with a J-PAL NA RFP deadline. After receiving the application, STReaM staff will schedule a phone call to assess the project's needs and refine the budget estimations. Staff will work with researchers to clarify the type of STReaM support needed, and all requests will be reviewed by J-PAL NA leadership and staff.

Once RFP funding decisions are made and released by the review board, J-PAL NA staff will reach out again and let the researchers know whether support was approved alongside funding. Researchers will be then introduced to the staff they will be working with for STReaM support and kick-off the project support. STReaM decisions will be made within the timeline of RFP decisions. A full description of the review process and timeline can be found [here](#).

**What if I need someone for STReaM sooner than the review process ends?**

Please reach out to us directly at [stream@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:stream@povertyactionlab.org) to discuss specific needs for your study, and we will determine if any of these processes can be expedited. This will not expedite the funding review.

**Will STReaM staff be involved in the long run of the project?**

STReaM staff will work with researchers to determine the scope of the engagement. Through these discussions, we will define the end-point of the project, which will include a plan to transition research management responsibilities to permanent staff. STReaM staff will not engage in research management activities after the conclusion of the project scope, but J-PAL NA staff may still be available to support short term tasks. Feel free to email us at [stream@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:stream@povertyactionlab.org) with questions about further short-term research management support.

**Can you help me with a particular task that does not fall within the STReaM scope?**

You are welcome to reach out to us directly at [stream@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:stream@povertyactionlab.org) if you have questions about whether we can support your project on a particular task. J-PAL NA is also happy to answer one-off questions about your RCT.

**Can STReaM staff work at the project site or at the PI's home institution?**

STReaM staff will primarily work remotely from our office in Cambridge, MA. Depending on project needs, staff may visit the project site to support training or implementation.