J-PAL Training and Education

J-PAL courses help implementers, policymakers, and researchers become better producers and users of evidence and equip learners worldwide with skills in data analysis and economics. We offer open enrollment courses, custom workshops, and online courses, and organize trainings for research staff. J-PAL has created an online MicroMasters credential in cooperation with MITx and a Diploma in Impact Evaluation with Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Open Enrollment Courses

*Evaluating Social Programs*: J-PAL’s flagship course is an executive education program on the design and use of randomized evaluations, tailored to the needs of policymakers, M&E personnel, and research staff in governments, international organizations, foundations, and NGOs. It is currently offered at least three times a year at different J-PAL offices and taught jointly by J-PAL affiliated professors and senior staff. Learn more about *Evaluating Social Programs*, including instructors, content, and pricing.
and see the upcoming course dates below:

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*Measurement and Survey Design:* This annual three-day course is hosted by J-PAL South Asia and introduces basic survey and data collection methodologies to researchers, M&E professionals, and other individuals interested in gaining essential skills for collecting high quality primary data. Topics include developing unbiased measures, designing and piloting questionnaires, identifying the survey sample, and collecting data. Learn more about *Measurement and Survey Design.*

*Next offered: New Delhi (India), May 8-10, 2019.*

To receive email updates announcing new open-enrollment courses, subscribe to our newsletter. Upcoming courses can also be found on our Events page.

**Custom Courses**

J-PAL can design a custom course for your organization with content that is tailored to a specific sector (e.g. health or education), geographic region, or level of technical detail. Past custom courses include three-day to five-day versions of our *Evaluating Social Programs* and *Measurement and Survey Design* courses, courses on randomized evaluations as part of a Monitoring and Evaluation strategy, two- to three-day *Evidence to Policy* courses on how to find,
interpret, and use existing scientific evidence in decision-making, as well as *Advanced Impact Evaluation* courses for more technical audiences. J-PAL Latin America has pioneered *Incubator Workshops* that bring implementers and university researchers together to work on joint projects.

J-PAL custom courses can be taught in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Indonesian. Globally, J-PAL has offered approximately 39 custom courses in 2018.

Please contact us at training@povertyactionlab.org for more information, or reach out directly to our regional offices that conduct custom courses:

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**Online Courses**

*J-PAL 101x - Evaluating Social Programs*: This free course is an online version of J-PAL's *Evaluating Social Programs*. It focuses on the benefits and methods of randomization, how to choose the appropriate sample size, and potential challenges to the validity of an experiment. The course is offered twice a year in both English and Spanish (*Evaluación de Impacto de Programas Sociales*) on the interactive MITx platform. A Portuguese version (*Avaliação de Impacto de Programas e Políticas Sociais*) is hosted by the Brazilian
National School of Public Administration (ENAP). Learn more about J-PAL 101x and see upcoming course dates below:

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**J-PAL 350x - Measuring Health Outcomes in Field Surveys:** This free course focuses on the fundamentals of collecting health information, with an emphasis on measuring outcomes in low-income settings. Participants will learn how to measure individual and population health, select indicators and measurement tools, and design surveys, as well as explore practical issues related to safety, hygiene, and ethics. The nine-week course is offered once a year and hosted on the MITx platform. Learn more about J-PAL 350x.

The next J-PAL 350x course is scheduled to run from September 2019 until November 2019.

**The J-PAL/MITx MicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Development Policy**

The DEDP MicroMasters, a collaboration between J-PAL, the MIT Economics department, and MITx, graduated its first learners in Summer 2017. Learn more about the MicroMasters Credential or visit the MicroMasters online portal.

The next DEDP MicroMasters semester begins February 05, 2019.
The J-PAL/PUC Diploma in Impact Evaluation of Public Policy and Social Programs

In collaboration with the Economics Department of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC), J-PAL offers the Diploma in Impact Evaluation of Public Policy and Social Programs (Diplomado en Evaluación de Impacto de Programas y Políticas Públicas). The Diploma is taught at PUC in Santiago, Chile by J-PAL affiliate professors and PUC faculty. Learn more about the diploma or visit the program website (in Spanish).

Next Offered: Santiago (Chile) on April 5, 2019.

Research Staff Training

J-PAL and IPA host three research staff trainings annually for full-time research assistants, field managers, and other research staff who work on randomized evaluations conducted by J-PAL affiliates and other research partners. For more information, including 2019, 2020, and 2021 dates and application process information, please see here.

Interested in sending staff to a J-PAL Research Staff Training? Please contact training@povertyactionlab.org or send email directly to Lindsay Shaughnessy of IPA (for Kenya) Jessica Meckler of J-PAL South Asia (for India) or Toby Chaiken of J-PAL North America (for USA) training.

UPCOMING COURSES
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING
Diplomado en Evaluación de Impacto de Programas y Políticas Públicas 2019
26 April 2019 to 26 October 2019
| Santiago de Chile
Actualmente es poco lo que se sabe en relación a qué políticas realmente funcionan para contrarrestar la problemática para la cual fueron implementadas. ¿Cómo generar entonces conocimiento sobre las políticas que realmente funcionan para reducir la pobreza, y aprender de ello para tomar mejores decisiones de política pública?

SOUTH ASIA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING
Measurement and Survey Design Course 2019
8 May 2019 to 10 May 2019
| The Lalit, New Delhi, India
Programme Objectives Survey instruments represent one of the most commonly used tools for collecting primary data from individuals and groups. Several factors need to be considered, during the design and implementation phases, to ensure that data collected through survey instruments is reliable and accurate.
EUROPE, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

ESII training for partners: Conceiving a Randomized Evaluation

27 May 2019 to 29 May 2019
| Paris School of Economics, 48 Boulevard Jourdan, 75014, Paris, France

The European Social Inclusion Initiative (ESII) is a multi-year research initiative that aims to generate new evidence and share emerging lessons for programs and policies seeking to foster the social inclusion of migrants and refugees.

NORTH AMERICA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, US 2019

10 June 2019 to 14 June 2019
| MIT Cambridge, MA, USA

Course Content