

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:

Host	2019 course dates	Location
J-PAL Southeast Asia	July 20-21	Banda Aceh, Indonesia
J-PAL Global and J-PAL North America	June 10-14	Cambridge, USA
J-PAL/CLEAR South Asia	July 1-5	New Delhi, India
J-PAL Africa	July 29 - August 2	Cape Town, South Africa

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 30 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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J-PAL South Asia	Jessica Meckler
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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:

Language	Date
English	Summer 2019
Spanish	March 2019
Portuguese	TBA

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.

Addressing Health Challenges in Africa

Drawing on evidence from randomized evaluations conducted by J-PAL affiliates, this free online course focuses on identifying and addressing health challenges and ways to enhance health policies and programs in Francophone countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The nine-week course is presented in French, with French, English, Portuguese, and Spanish subtitles. There is no prerequisite for enrollment.

The course starts on June 3, 2019. [Watch the course trailer](#) and [visit the course page](#) to learn more and register.

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



SOUTHEAST ASIA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

Evaluasi Program Sosial – Banda Aceh (Evaluating Social Programs) 2019

20 July 2019 to 21 July 2019

| Hermes Palace Hotel, Banda Aceh

Meskipun konsep evaluasi dampak secara intuitif mudah dimengerti, pada pelaksanaannya terdapat banyak tantangan yang dapat menghalangi kemampuan kita untuk menjawab pertanyaan-pertanyaan penting atau dapat menyebabkan bias pada hasil. Bila hal ini tidak diatasi, sebuah evaluasi dampak menjadi tidak informatif atau bahkan dapat memberikan kesimpulan yang keliru.



AFRICA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, Cape Town 2019

29 July 2019 to 2 August 2019

| University of Cape Town, South Africa

This five-day in-person training gives participants a thorough understanding of why and when researchers and policymakers might choose to conduct randomized evaluations and how randomized evaluations are designed in real-world settings.

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