



## AIR AND WATER LAB 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Travel / Project Development Proposals Application Form and Instructions

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Instructions:** Applications for travel/proposal development grants consist of (i) basic contact and logistical information; (ii) a narrative; (iii) a budget form; and (iv) for graduate students, a letter of support from a J-PAL affiliate or K-CAI invited researcher who serves as an adviser on the applicant's dissertation committee at their host university.

**If you are interested in applying, please first reach out to the relevant lab team member below to learn more about matchmaking opportunities and requirements:**

- India (SARWA): Sanjana Gorti at [sgorti@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:sgorti@povertyactionlab.org)
- Cape Town, South Africa (WAE Lab): Margaret Andersen at [mandersen@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:mandersen@povertyactionlab.org)

Please submit complete applications as one PDF to the relevant contact above and CC [awl@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:awl@povertyactionlab.org) and [kcai@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:kcai@povertyactionlab.org).

### Deadlines for submission:

- India (SARWA): Pilot and proposal development grant applications accepted on the same schedule as **K-CAI's RFP**: EOIs are due February 29, 2024, and full proposals are due April 4, 2024.
- Cape Town, South Africa (WAE Lab): Pilot and proposal development grant applications accepted on a rolling basis.

## COVERSHEET AND NARRATIVE

### SECTION: COVERSHEET

Please note that all fields are required.

TITLE OF PROPOSAL		COUNTRY
J-PAL AFFILIATED or INVITED RESEARCHER(S)		
INSTITUTION TO RECEIVE FUNDS (J-PAL REGIONAL OFFICE)*		
NON-J-PAL CO-PI(s) (Institutional Affiliation)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>By checking this box, all J-PAL affiliates and invited researchers who are co-PIs on this project certify that they will be active, engaged, and responsive PIs dedicated to guaranteeing the quality control on all aspects of this project; and that their participation in this project is not merely to provide access to J-PAL resources and funding to anyone else working on this project who is neither a J-PAL affiliate nor invited researcher.</i>	
IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S)		CONTACT (NAME, EMAIL, PHONE)
CO-FUNDER(S)		FUNDED AWARD (PI, Project Title, Amount)
<b>Have you submitted this or a related proposal to any other J-PAL funding initiative?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, which initiative and when?

Requested	\$	Total co-funded	\$
<b>GRANT PERIOD</b>			
Start date: (yyyy-mm-dd)		End date: (yyyy-mm-dd)	
Institution to receive award*		Contact for contracting issues	
<i>Some projects will not be conducting research involving human subjects. However, if this project will involve research on human subjects, please fill out the two boxes below.</i>			
IRB OF RECORD		IRB CONTACT	
We are also in touch with other funders and occasionally share proposals that are relevant to their interests. If you <b>do not</b> want this proposal shared with them, please check this box: <input type="checkbox"/>			

\* Please note: AWLs are embedded impact labs between J-PAL regional offices and specific government partners so receiving institutions should be the relevant J-PAL office except in rare cases.

**SECTION: NARRATIVE**

**Instructions:** Please include a short response (2-3 pages, 12pt font, single spaced) to each of the following sub-sections.

**The topic:** What is your research topic? These grants are intended to facilitate PI travel for very preliminary, exploratory research. You only need to address the general topic of interest and current ideas on how the question might be explored through a randomized evaluation. Do not describe your detailed program or evaluation design. [*answer format: up to 300 words*]

**Proposed partners:** A brief description of the government partner and any other partners with which you plan to work with for both program implementation and evaluation, including the history of the partnership, and any in-kind or financial support they have committed or provided to the project. Please include how the government has displayed prior commitment or expressed demand for evidence on this particular topic and how they want to use it. [*answer format: up to 300 words*]

**Focus area:** Which focus areas does this project fall under? *Select One or More:*

- clean air
- clean water
- water availability/access
- climate change mitigation
- climate change adaptation
- pollution reduction
- energy access

**Gender (optional):** *J-PAL aims to fund innovative research that also investigates how climate intersects with any number of topics including gender, inequality, etc., though gender disaggregated analysis is often not possible for travel/proposal development grants. A comment on any gender dynamics with potential to impact the travel/proposal development.*

## **BUDGET**

**Instructions:** Please submit a detailed project budget using the Excel template [available online](#). To reduce the processing time, please follow the instructions for the lab to which you are applying, found at the following links:\*

SARWA (J-PAL South Asia AWL)	Information to be added by February 6, 2024
WAE Lab (J-PAL Africa AWL)	Information to be added by February 6, 2024

## **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

**Instructions:** Graduate student applicants are required to submit a letter of support from a J-PAL affiliate or invited researcher who serves as an adviser on the applicant’s dissertation committee at their host university.

This letter should indicate the adviser's willingness to advise the student throughout the project's lifetime.