

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES: TRAVEL/PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

This document contains an [Overview](#), [Budget Guidelines](#), an [Application Checklist](#), and a [Narrative Template](#) for Travel/Proposal development grants. Please read this document carefully before submitting your proposal.

OVERVIEW

Submission instructions: To apply, please submit an application via our online portal, WizeHive using the **relevant application link from the [RFP webpage](#), and following the [Applicant Instructions](#)**. Complete proposals will be due **December 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM US Eastern Time via WizeHive**. Please review the RFP Overview and Proposal Guidelines on the [CVI RFP website](#) for details on each proposal type and a complete list of application questions.

In addition, **regional scholars** are also required to submit letters of interest (LOIs) by **November 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM US Eastern Time** via our LOI forms here ([Pilot LOI](#) and [Travel/Proposal Development](#)). Eligible applicants will receive an invitation to proceed with full proposal development in WizeHive. LOIs are only required for regional scholar applicants.

Grant description: Travel/proposal development grants are intended to facilitate very preliminary, exploratory research, and funding typically supports costs related to researcher travel and/or facilitating access to administrative data for designing or conducting a future RCT. Examples of these activities include, but are not limited to, negotiating data use agreements, conducting exploratory data analysis and cleaning, or setting up technical access mechanisms¹.

Funding per Travel/Proposal development grant award: a maximum of \$10,000. Travel grants are provided as travel reimbursements in accordance with MIT travel policies and should use the specific budget template (see details in the Budget Guidelines section, below). If you cannot bear the costs out of pocket, we recommend that you apply for a pilot grant.

Timeline: Funding requests should not extend beyond December 2027. We encourage applicants to be realistic when setting the projected period of performance/end date for their project. Grantees must complete their project development work and submit final reports within one year of receiving the award.

¹ As a general rule, CVI does not fund pure lab experiments. In very rare cases, a proposal may be considered if a lab-in-field experiment supplements an underlying randomized evaluation, or if the lab-in-field experiment has direct policy implications. For example, Edward Miguel and coauthors' [lab-in-field evaluation of ethnic bias in Kenya](#) was implemented during Kenya's national elections to understand how proximity to election dates might affect participants' ethnic biases.

Proposal Narrative: The [Application Template](#), below, includes details on what to include in your proposal narrative. When preparing your proposal narrative, please note that the CVI Review Board reviews proposals based on the following evaluation criteria:

CVI strategic priority	Does this research embody CVI's guiding principles? Does this study fall within the scope of CVI's research priorities? Is the study based in the initiative focus countries? Refer to the CVI RFP Overview, attached to the RFP landing page , for additional details on CVI's thematic and geographic priorities.
Academic contribution	Does the study make a significant contribution toward advancing knowledge in the field? Does it answer new questions or introduce novel methods, measures, or interventions? Is there academic relevance? How does the study compare with the existing body of research? Does the research strategy provide a bridge between a practical experiment and underlying economic theories? The CVI Review Board rewards innovation, generalizability, and theoretical grounding in proposals.
Policy relevance	Does the study address questions crucial to understanding pressing issues on crime and violence in developing countries? Will results from the intervention have broader implications? How, if at all, will the "lessons learned" have relevance beyond this test case? Is there demand from policy makers for more/better information to influence their decisions in this area? Is there potential for the implementing partner to scale up this intervention?
Technical design	Does the research design appropriately answer the questions outlined in the proposal? Are there threats that could compromise the validity of results? If so, does the proposal sufficiently address those threats? What changes could the researchers make to improve the design? For full study proposals, are there sufficiently detailed power calculations?
Project viability	Is the relationship with the implementing partner strong and likely to endure through the entire study? What is the credibility and policy influence of the implementing partner? Are there any other logistical or political obstacles that might threaten the completion of the study, for example, government authorization or Human Subjects review? For pilots, do researchers describe how piloting activities would inform a full-scale randomized evaluation?
Research ethics	Are the risks of unintended negative consequences for program participants, staff and/or community members minimal? Has the team taken proactive measures to assess, monitor, and mitigate/prevent any such potential risks? Please refer to the "Designing responsible research projects" section of the CVI RFP Overview, attached to the RFP landing page, for a more in-depth discussion on research ethics.

Value of research	Is the cost of the study commensurate with the value of expected lessons learned? Does the study leverage funding from other sources?
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BUDGET GUIDELINES

Funding awarded by GI is conditional on continued support from our own core donors. If GI's scheduled or anticipated funding is reduced, GI may need to reduce or cancel your award. We strongly encourage every funded project to prioritize completing the necessary steps outlined in your award letter to establish your subaward and begin invoicing as soon as possible. If you anticipate any major delays to your project timeline, please notify us immediately.

Survey and other in-country expenses: While designed for travel reimbursements, travel grants can in some cases be used to cover expenses for in-country costs such as hiring enumerators, procuring translation or transcription services, developing instruments, and others. If these expenses are in the budget, J-PAL will provide the forms necessary to document them with your award notice, and you can claim these expenses as a reimbursement once the travel is completed. **J-PAL is not able to directly reimburse survey firms or local organizations for these costs. If you need a fieldwork organization to be reimbursed for such work, we encourage you to reach out to cvi_grant_admin@povertyactionlab.org before finalizing your proposal materials** to confirm whether we will need you to submit pilot proposal materials instead (to avoid requiring you to rework your proposal materials, thus slowing down award set up).

Please note: If your scope of work requires reimbursing your Institute Receiving the Award (ITRA) (e.g., for fieldwork conducted with a partner such as focus groups or limited surveys) it is your responsibility that your budget follows the ITRA's policies for costs, and **you must submit a Letter of Transmission from the ITRA that states that they have reviewed your proposal and accepted your budget.** MIT now requires that at least one project PI be employed by the organization receiving the subaward and funds.

Guidelines for completing a Travel/Proposal development grant proposal budget:

Be sure to use the Travel/Proposal Development Budget Template on [CVI's RFP webpage](#), providing detailed notes in the column provided in the template):

1. Travel grants are paid as reimbursements. Travel/Proposal Development grants are for a maximum of \$10,000.
2. International travel: J-PAL will put you in touch with an MIT travel agent who can book international travel and charge J-PAL directly. If you choose to buy your own ticket, we will not be able to reimburse you until your flights have been completed.
3. J-PAL will only reimburse the lowest-cost available economy/cabin/coach flights. Please review [J-PAL's travel reimbursement policies](#) before completing your budget.

4. Grantees must complete their work and submit final reports within one year of receiving the grant award letter. Expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of an expense report. All expenses must be claimed within 30 days of your return. Expenses should be supported by receipts whenever possible, and all expenses over \$50 must be supported by receipts.
5. **If your project includes human subject research (HSR), there will need to be an IRB determination and J-PAL must set-up the award as a subaward. IRBs must comply with the following setup. Only travel proposals without HSR can be set up as cost-reimbursable purchase orders to individuals.**

IRB Requirements

IRB approvals (including waivers) are required to be in place prior to a subaward agreement being issued and prior to any human subjects research commencing. If an IRB issues an exempt determination for the project, please submit the confirmation of the exemption status. More information on ITRA/IRB/PI alignment and FAQs can be found [here](#).

J-PAL and MIT require that the reviewing IRB has:

1. **[IORG Status](#)** with the US Office of Human Protections. An IRB's status can be checked by consulting the database of IORGs ([link here](#))
2. **[Federalwide Assurance \(FWA\)](#)** with the US Office of Human Protections. Status can be checked by consulting the same database as above ([link here](#))
3. **Proof of Affiliation/Payment:** If the IRB is outside of the ITRA, then a proof of payment or proof of affiliation is required. Affiliation can be proven with documentation outlining the contractual relationship between the two entities (ITRA and IRB). MIT will not accept an Interagency Agreement (IAA) as this documentation.
 - If the IRB is based at the ITRA and has the same name, no additional proof is required.
6. In most cases, J-PAL is not able to directly reimburse any individuals or organizations other than the grantees awarded the travel grant. For any requested exceptions, please contact your Grant Administrator at cvi_grant_admin@povertyactionlab.org prior to incurring expenses.
7. **Please note that J-PAL Initiatives do not cover PI salaries with the exception of PIs who completed a PhD and are based at an academic institution in a middle- or low- income country.** There are no individual PI limits, but the total budgeted amount for LMIC researcher PI time in aggregate across all co-PIs should not exceed \$3,750 per award.
8. **Allowable Direct and Indirect Costs**

1. Unallowable costs include those labeled as “incidental,” “miscellaneous,” or “contingency.” Any costs for rent should be explained in the budget narrative.
2. *Purchase of Assets:* Purchase of assets is not allowed with this funding. Assets are items such as laptops, computers, tablets, cell and satellite phones, monitoring devices, other devices/technology, etc. If you are uncertain, please contact your grant administrator before including any assets in the budget. You may include rentals of these assets in your budget.
3. *Medical insurance:* All grantees are required to provide proof of emergency medical insurance coverage before travel. As many universities provide this to their students, faculty, and staff at no cost, this is not a reimbursable cost under this award. J-PAL can provide information on affordable coverage if needed.
4. *Per diem:* A per diem stipend of \$25/day-in-country can be claimed to cover food and miscellaneous expenses.
5. Universities in high-income countries (according to the World Bank classification) can charge up to 10% in indirect costs, applied to total direct costs.
6. Non-university non-profits from any location and universities from mid- or low-income countries may charge up to 15% in indirect costs, applied to total direct costs.
7. We understand that the cap on overhead or indirect costs under this initiative is low and that grantees may have reasonable project support costs included in budgets as direct costs. Such costs should be reasonable and explained in the budget narrative.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete all sections in WizeHive by the full proposal deadline. You must upload several documents to complete your full proposal. All templates for these documents are provided at the [RFP release webpage](#) and listed below.

1. **Travel Narrative:** Guidance pertaining to the narrative prompts is included in the [Application Template](#) below.
2. **Proposal Budget:** Carefully review the Budget Guidelines in this document, and then use the matching [Travel/Proposal Development Budget Excel Template](#) provided at [CVI's RFP webpage](#), which must be completed in its entirety and saved as a single Excel file with the title: [PI Last Name, First Name][Budget].xls(x).
3. **Budget Narrative:** Detail the costs within the budget, referring to the Budget Guidelines above, in a Word document with the title [PI Last Name, First Name][Budget Narrative].doc(x). This document is required in addition to the Proposal Budget -- i.e. notes included in the Excel sheet do not suffice.
4. **Letter(s) of Support:** Please obtain a letter of support from the following, each saved as a single PDF file with the title [PI Last Name, First Name] [Name of Organization Letter of

Support].pdf. If any of your letters are not in English, please upload a version translated to English.

- a. *(optional)* a letter from any implementing partner(s) indicating the details of their commitment or willingness to engage in discussions to partner on the research
 - b. *(required)* a letter/document stating the proposed grant host institution's approval of the proposal materials (if anything beyond PI travel is included in the scope of work).
 - c. **Graduate students applying as the primary PI are required to include a letter of support from a J-PAL affiliate or invited researcher adviser on their thesis committee.** The letter should indicate the adviser's willingness to remain involved in a supervisory role throughout the lifetime of the project.
5. **AI: Validation and Test Accuracy data:** Proposals that include **Artificial Intelligence (AI) or any new specialized technology should include validation and test accuracy data in the proposal**, showing that the technology successfully does what it intends.

APPLICATION TEMPLATE

This template is intended to give researchers a sense of the questions they will be asked to address in the online WizeHive portal. Regional scholars must first complete the LOI form, as described in the instructions above.

Exact wording and sequencing of questions is subject to change.

Important Information

1. **Primary Eligible Researcher** - Please identify one researcher who is eligible for J-PAL Initiative funding. This may be the principal PI or any eligible co-PI. Only details for one primary eligible researcher are required in cases where there's more than one eligible researcher. Other PIs who are eligible can be added as co-PIs.
2. **PI Eligibility Category** - Indicate how the researcher is eligible for J-PAL Initiative funding.
3. **PhD Student Applicants** - If you are a PhD student, please indicate the J-PAL affiliate or invited researcher who serves or will serve as an advisor on your dissertation committee.
4. **Organization Type** - As a reminder, researchers must be based at a university to be eligible. If you have questions, please contact the initiative team at cvi@povertyactionlab.org.
5. **Organization Website of Eligible Researcher**
6. **Country Where Organization is Based or Headquartered**

7. **Team Members & Roles** - Please add all your project team members and indicate their role(s) on the project/application below. If you do not have any other team members please add yourself below as applicant and Primary PI.
Role options are: Applicant; Primary PI; Co-PI; Research Lead at Implementing Organization; Reporting Contact; Secondary Reporting Contact; IRB Contact; Finance Contact; Collaborator; Contact for Contracting (e.g., grant manager or research administrator); Other (please specify role or title).
If you are the applicant and a PI (or another role), indicate so by adding yourself as an applicant and then again as a PI. As the applicant, you will be receiving all notifications related to this application. For each team member please provide: First Name, Last Name, Role or Title, Email Address
8. **PI Certification** [accept certification to proceed]
- I certify that any listed eligible researchers have agreed to be active, engaged, and responsive PIs or advisors on this project. Eligible researchers who are involved have confirmed they will be dedicated to guaranteeing quality control on all aspects of this research and that their participation is not merely to provide access to resources and funding to other project team members who would otherwise be ineligible.
 - I certify that all eligible researchers are up to date on reporting for all existing grants, across all J-PAL initiatives.
 - I certify that, if I receive award funding, I will submit all necessary materials for award setup within six months from the date of award notice, barring any extenuating circumstances.
9. **Demographic Information** - J-PAL is collecting information about all project teams, including demographic information, to better understand and support our research network. As the applicant, please send the language and [link](#) included below to all PIs/Co-PIs on your proposal research team. Provide your proposal name and each member's role (as you listed them on the application) when you send out the blurb. Completion of this step is required for all primary investigators on your research team. If you have any technical problems with completing this step please email help@povertyactionlab.org or the initiative team directly.

Feel free to cut and paste this suggested language in an email to send to the PIs and Co-PIs on your team:

J-PAL is collecting information about all project teams, including demographic information, to better understand and support our research network. J-PAL is requiring all PIs and Co-PIs on our research team to complete this short form. This data will only be accessible in disaggregated, identifiable form to select J-PAL staff. Aggregate, anonymized data will be used to report to key partners such as donors and may be included on our website.

Project Details

10. **Full Title of Proposal** [30 word max]
11. **Proposed Period of Performance Project Start Date** - What is the proposed start date for this J-PAL grant's subaward activities?
12. **Proposed Period of Performance Project End Date** - What is the proposed end date for this J-PAL grant's subaward activities?
13. **Past and Future Submissions to J-PAL*** - Have you submitted or do you plan to submit this proposal or a related proposal to any other J-PAL Initiative RFP, including in any previous [Initiative] round of funding? [Yes, I have submitted or plan to submit this proposal to another initiative/Yes, I have submitted this proposal previously to this initiative/No, I have not submitted or do not plan to submit this proposal to another initiative]
 - a. *[Logic-based if response is "Yes, I have submitted or plan to submit this proposal to another initiative"]* Please include the following:
 - i. Initiative(s), year/season of RFP, and the name of the LOI/proposal you submitted or plan to submit. (e.g., GI Spring 2019 Using Mobile Phones to Improve Service Delivery)
 - ii. Are the PI team, context, and research question the same as in the previously submitted or soon to be submitted proposal?
 - iii. If this proposal is for a similar project, but would be using funds for something different, please explain the difference in terms of what research you're going to be conducting and how you're using the budget
 - b. *[Logic-based if response is "Yes, I have submitted this proposal previously to this initiative"]* Please include the following:
 - i. Year/season of RFP, and the name of the LOI/proposal you submitted or plan to submit. (e.g., GI Spring 2019 Using Mobile Phones to Improve Service Delivery)
 - ii. Are the PI team, context, and research question the same as in the previously submitted or soon to be submitted proposal?
 - iii. If this proposal is for a similar project, but would be using funds for something different, please explain the difference in terms of what research you're going to be conducting and how you're using the budget
 - iv. If the proposal you submitted previously was not funded, could you briefly explain if/how you responded to the feedback?
 - c. *[Logic Based - if either "Yes" response is selected]* **Details about Past and Future Submissions*** [350 words max]
14. **Funding Amount** - Amount of requested funding in USD.
15. **National Location** - In which country or countries will your research or travel take place?

16. **Name & Role of Partner Organization** - Indicate the role, in relation to this project, of the organization identified. [250 words max]

Narrative

17. **Abstract** - Write a study abstract, including the project description, research question, and intervention or treatment to be evaluated. Discuss the project's technical design, what is going to happen during the project, the practical value of your project, the conceptual value of your research, and the distributional implications of your work. Provide context about proposed partners. Please note that this abstract will be added to the Initiative's webpage if the project receives funding. [200 words max]
18. **Research Focus Areas/Initiative Themes** - Please indicate which CVI focus areas or themes your proposal relates to; these are described in detail in the CVI RFP Overview on the RFP landing page. [choose from a dropdown list]
19. **Statement of Topic** - What is your research topic? Travel/Proposal development grants are intended to facilitate preliminary research ideas, so proposals need only address the general topic of interest and current ideas on how the question might be explored through a randomized evaluation. Proposals do not need to include a detailed program or evaluation design.
- Please describe the policy problem that motivates this project and how it fits with the research priorities identified by the Initiative.
 - Include information about the potential population and key outcomes.
 - In your response, please also list any proposed partner(s), including J-PAL regional offices, IPA country offices, or other organizations you plan to work with for both program implementation and evaluation. Include the history of the partnership, and any in-kind or financial support they have committed or provided to the project. [400 words max]
20. **Pathway to an RCT** - How will the proposed activities inform the relevance and design of a potential follow-on pilot or full RCT grant proposal? Will this grant provide qualitative data to inform intervention design? How could the findings meet the needs of policymakers or development practitioners? [300 words max]
21. **Timeline** - Please write out a timeline with key project activities. [200 words max]
22. **Implications on Equity and Social Inclusion** – Please provide a comment on whether the research proposal addresses equity or social inclusion, in any way. Topics of social inclusion include, but are not limited to, gender, income level, location, ethnicity, race, language, citizenship status, disability, and at the intersection of those factors. Explain whether and how the project design allows us to learn about baseline differences between and differential impacts on groups mentioned above. Explain what reasons (if any) there are to expect that the intervention(s) studied may have disproportionate benefits for disadvantaged groups. [500 words max]
23. **Local Researcher Involvement** - Please describe whether/how the project involves researchers local to the project context. [200 words max]

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25. **AI Technology Type:** Does the intervention being studied use AI (including machine learning, heterogeneous treatment targeting, generative AI, etc.)?
26. **If you selected that it is based on LLMs, please also answer all of the following:**
- Which LLM is being used and why?
 - Will a qualified human (e.g., teacher, healthcare worker, extension agent) review and verify the AI's output before this output is used?
 - If yes, please describe their role and qualifications. If no human in the loop is present, explain why the intervention is still unlikely to cause harm even if the LLM's output is inaccurate.
27. **AI: Validation and Test Accuracy Data** - Proposals that include Artificial Intelligence (AI) or any new specialized technology should include validation and test accuracy data in the proposal, showing that the technology successfully does what it intends. If applicable, please provide that validation and test accuracy data here, or attach it in the "Additional Attachments" section. [200 words max]

Potential Risks - Please answer the following questions below in detail:

- Completion** - Are there any technical, logistical, ethical, or political obstacles and risks that might threaten the completion of the project (e.g., implementation capacity, government authorization, or other funding)? How do you plan to monitor and prevent/address these types of risks throughout the project? [200 word limit]
- Implementing Partners** - Please discuss any information about the implementing partner(s) that could pose ethical, reputational, or legal risks (e.g., child safeguarding, corruption or misuse of funds, etc). If applicable, what proactive measures have you taken or will you take to assess, monitor, and mitigate/prevent any such potential risks? [200 word limit]
- Child Safeguarding** - Particularly for projects working with children, what child safeguarding risks exist? [200 word limit]
- Participants, Staff, Community Members** - For each of the groups below, please describe any potential unintended consequences or risks of this project to them. What proactive measures have you taken or will you take to assess, monitor, and mitigate/prevent any such potential risks? [200 word limit]
 - Program and research participants

- ii. Staff (e.g., implementing partners, research assistants, enumerators)
- iii. Community members (e.g., untreated members of a household, untreated neighbors, or broader communities if the treatment might have spillover or downstream effects beyond the study sample)
- e. **Contractual Limitations** - Are there any contractual limitations on the ability of the researchers to report the results of the study? If so, what are those restrictions, and who are they from? [200 word limit]

Institutional Review Board and Institute to Receive Award

Human Subject Research - According to US federal regulations, a human subject is a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains 1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual (e.g., through an interview, focus group, or survey), or 2) identifiable private information (e.g., individual-level health or education data).

- 28. **Do you plan to conduct human subjects research during your travel/proposal development?** - If your project scope of work includes collecting the types of data above, please select Yes. [Y/N]
- 29. **IRB of Record** - Provide the name of the IRB of Record below.
- 30. **Is this IRB of Record IORG certified?** [Y/N]
- 31. **Local Legal Requirements Certification** - All PIs and Co-PIs certify that they understand they must adhere to all local legal requirements, including obtaining local IRB approval and government research permits, where applicable. Do you agree? Y/N.
- 32. **Institute to Receive Award (ITRA)** - If applicable: Please indicate the institution that will receive the grant funds.

Budget

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- 33. **Budget Upload** - From the [RFP website](#), download and complete the Travel/Proposal Development Budget Template. There are two tabs: one for the initiative-specific budget and one for the project budget (i.e., the initiative-specific budget plus any other sources of funding you may have). When done, please upload your completed budget in the field below. Please note that the budget template is formatted specifically for this application. Do not remove the formatting, change any of the formatting, or create new columns.
- 34. **Budget Narrative** - Please justify the expenses outlined in your budget in a Word document with the title [PI Last Name, First Name][Budget Narrative].doc(x), and upload it here. This document is required in addition to the Proposal Budget. Notes included in the Excel sheet do not suffice. [Upload]

Letters of Support & Additional Attachments

35. **Letter of Transmission** - For travel/proposal development projects that will be setup as subawards, a letter or document stating approval of the proposal materials and budget from each proposed institute to receive award (ITRA) is required. Please note that MIT policy states that the project PI needs to be employed at the ITRA and that the ITRA should provide the IRB (either using the Institute's IRB or a third party IRB). The Project PI must be the PI on the IRB.
36. *For PhD students only* - **J-PAL Affiliate or Invited Researcher Letter of Support** - PhD 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. This letter should indicate the adviser's willingness to advise the student throughout the project's lifetime. Please note that in some cases, the adviser may be asked to add their name to the financial award and IRB documents.
37. **Additional attachments** - Please attach any relevant materials discussed in your answers to the previous questions, as well as letters of support from partners. [Upload]
38. **Additional Information** - Please review CVI's proposal evaluation criteria below, and provide additional discussion relevant to the evaluation criteria if not already addressed in the fields above.

Evaluation criteria

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