# IGI FALL 2021 RFP

Letter of Interest Form

## BACKGROUND

J-PAL’s Innovation in Government Initiative (IGI) is calling for proposals to fund technical assistance to governments to adapt, pilot, and scale evidence-informed innovations that have been previously evaluated with a randomized evaluation(s) and found effective in improving the lives of people living in poverty. We ask that one person per proposal team submit a brief letter of interest (LOI) providing the information below by **5:00 p.m. US ET on Thursday November 4, 2021**. Following this submission and upon being notified of LOI acceptance, please kindly proceed to preparing your full application materials outlined in the RFP, which are **due at 5:00 p.m. US ET on Friday, December 3, 2021**. Please note that an LOI submission is a prerequisite for submitting a full application for funding in this Fall RFP.

**Please note:** All applicants are required to submit a short letter of interest (LOI) prior to submitting a full application. Upon submitting this LOI, you may use the Application Form to prepare your full application during any (brief) waiting period until you hear from the IGI team about your proposal eligibility; however, please do not submit your full application until you have been notified of eligibility.

Submitting the information requested in this LOI form allows IGI staff to check that your planned proposal submission meets the most basic requirements (e.g., there is at least one J-PAL affiliate or invited researcher on your project team) and coordinate the board review process. You will not be held to, or scored on, the details that you submit here. The form is required because it streamlines the submission, review, and award process for everyone.

Please reach out to igi@povertyactionlab.org with any questions.

## LETTER OF INTEREST

Questions with asterisks (**\***) will be required.

# Email address of submitter \*

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# Name(s) and preferred email address(es) of J-PAL affiliate(s) and/or invited researcher(s) on the project team \* *Please coordinate with your team to submit one form per anticipated proposal to help us avoid duplicate submissions.*

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# Name(s) and preferred email address(es) of non J-PAL affiliates or invited researcher(s) on the project team \* *Please note that there must be at least one J-PAL affiliate or invited researcher among your project team, who commits to remaining involved in the project over its lifespan.*

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# What institution will be the grant recipient for this project, if awarded funding? \**Examples include J-PAL regional offices, IPA country offices, or any other institution that you expect will be the recipient of funds to support your proposed project.*

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# Which proposal type do you plan to submit? \* [please select only one]*Please refer to the detailed ‘Proposal Types’ in the IGI RFP Overview to determine the best fit for your proposed project. You may choose ‘To be determined’ at the LOI stage; however, please note that you will be required to select a proposal type before submitting your full application.*

**Options:**

[ ]  Adapt

[ ]  Policy Pilot

[ ]  Scale

[ ]  To be determined

1. **(Optional) Approximately how much funding do you anticipate you will request?**
This item is optional and is only here to assist IGI staff in planning for proposal review. If you are unable to determine the anticipated funding amount at this stage, please feel free to provide the upper end of your estimated range. You will not be held to the amount or range you enter here and may modify it as much as required before you submit your full proposal.

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1. **Do you plan to request IGI funding to fund a randomized evaluation in full or in part? \*** [please select only one]
You may choose ‘To be determined’ at the LOI stage; however, please note that you will be required to select a proposal type before submitting your full application.

**Options:**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  To be determined

# In what country(ies) will your project take place? \*

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# What evidence-informed intervention(s) (policies, programs, processes, or delivery mechanisms) are you hoping to adapt to a new context, conduct a policy pilot of, or support the scaling of? [suggested length: 150 words]*You may wish to describe the partnership and policy window and/or why you would like to adapt or pilot this policy, program, process, or delivery mechanism. Please take note of the evidence requirement for all IGI proposals detailed in Annex III of the RFP Overview. No more than a couple of sentences are requested at this stage; we will request more details in the full proposal.*

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# Please provide some additional information on your specific government partner(s). \* [suggested length: 100-150 words]*Please provide as much detail as possible at this stage about the individual(s), team(s), or unit(s) with which you are partnering, identifying at a minimum the specific department(s)/ministries within the government. We welcome any additional context you are able to provide on the relationship with the government partner.*

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# Which of the following areas(s) is your project relevant to? \**Please refer to ‘Priority Sectors’ in the IGI RFP Overview. Note that we accept compelling proposals in sectors other than Education, Health, and Social Assistance. Please select all that apply.*Options:

[ ]  Education

[ ]  Health

[ ]  Social Assistance

[ ]  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Does your proposal fit within the Special Area of Interest in scaling and improving the delivery of government cash transfer programs and cash benchmarking? \* [please select only one]*Please refer to ‘Special Area of Interest’ in the IGI RFP Overview.*Options:

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Unsure

# Do you have any (brief) additional information to provide about your form responses? [suggested length: up to 100 words]*Only a few sentences at most, please. Should you have any brief questions, please reach out via the messaging feature on this application portal. If you have more detailed questions for us or information to share about your proposal, you are welcome to email our staff team at* *igi@povertyactionlab.org* *at any time.*

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