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# SME Initiative Announces Third Round of RFP

The SME Initiative is pleased to announce a **THIRD ROUND** of funding for the SME Initiative's *Competition on Entrepreneurship and SME Growth*. The goal of the grants is to fund innovative research that “build a systemic body of evidence on the contribution of SMEs and entrepreneurship to poverty alleviation and economic development.” We hope this competition will have a catalyzing effect to stimulate high quality research on the role of access to finance and human capital for SME growth and their contribution to development.

Complete proposals should be emailed to [sme@poverty-action.org](mailto:sme@poverty-action.org) by 5:00pm EST on Friday, March 16, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Craig ([scraig@poverty-action.org](mailto:scraig@poverty-action.org)).

See: [SME Request for Proposal](#), [Proposal Template](#), [Budgeting Guidelines](#)

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