

INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION PEACE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM

Proposal Instructions, Homicide in Latin America and the Caribbean



Overview

IPA's Peace & Recovery Program accepting off-cycle proposals for research on violence and homicide in Latin America and the Caribbean. Those interested in applying are asked to first read our overview document, [here](#). Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis.

This call will consider the following types of proposals:

- **Exploratory grants:** These grants are to develop preliminary research ideas. The expectation is that these grants help researchers develop subsequent proposals for pilots or full randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Activities may include travel, relationship development, descriptive analysis, observational analysis, and data development or collection. These grants are earmarked for junior faculty, PhD students, and other researchers who do not have other sources of funding for travel and exploratory work. Tenured professors from major research universities are strongly discouraged from applying for these start-up funds. Awards are between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
- **Pilot studies:** These grants are for studies with a clear research question, but for which the design and implementation requires substantial upfront investments. The expectation is that this work helps researchers develop subsequent proposals for full RCTs. Activities could include further trial-and-error piloting, partner development, developing new measurement strategies or instruments, analysis of existing data, or new data development or collection. Awards are between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Projects should apply for the funds needed to yield the best research but (all other things equal) lower budgets have a higher probability of being funded.
- **Full studies:** These grants are for research projects with a clear research question, committed implementing partner(s), well-defined research design, and statistical power estimates. While most of the impact evaluations funded will be RCTs, studies that use high-quality natural experiments will be considered in exceptional cases when a randomized experiment is not possible. Grants can also fund the continuation or completion of RCTs that have already started without P&R funding (including those for which data collection is complete). This includes long-run follow-ups from previously published evaluations, as well as "downstream studies" that use an already-completed randomized trial to answer a P&R-relevant question. The expectation is that this work will result in a paper publishable in a top economic, political science, or science journal. Awards are between \$50,000 and \$450,000. Projects should apply for the funds needed to yield the best research but (all other things equal) lower budgets have a higher probability of being funded.
- **"Infrastructure" and "public goods" creation:** This includes the creation of administrative datasets, panel datasets, other new data, software, measurement strategies, and so forth. Awards are between \$30,000 and \$150,000.
- **Reviews and meta-analysis of relevant literature:** This includes but is not necessarily limited to the program evaluation evidence. Awards are between \$5,000 and \$20,000.
- **Evidence use and policy outreach support:** These grants support development of relationships with policymakers, take-up and dissemination of evidence, sharing and analysis of administrative data, and exploration of potential experimental evaluations. The funding could be used to embed a research staff member in an organization, produce preliminary scoping exercises to ensure interventions are context-appropriate, host matchmaking events or conferences, or other activities that achieve similar aims. Awards are capped at \$25,000.

Please reach out to peace@poverty-action.org with any questions.

Peace and Recovery Program Application Instructions: Homicide in Latin America and the Caribbean

This document provides application instructions for the Peace & Recovery (P&R) Program's request for off-cycle proposals on homicide reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean. The application process contains the following templates for applicants to complete when submitting their applications:

- [Template for Pilot and Full Study Proposals](#)
- [Template for Exploratory Grant Proposals](#)
- [Budget Template](#) (to be used for both Pilot/Full Study and Exploratory Grant Proposals)

For more information about this request for proposals, please see [this overview document](#).

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