Researcher Diversification Initiative

Exploratory grant funds for early career researchers located in Francophone West Africa

**Proposal cover sheet and narrative, Round I (January 2024)**

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| **Principal investigator name** | **Institutional affiliation** |
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| **Co-PI(s) and institutional affiliation(s)** |
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| **Title of Proposal** |
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| **Type of proposal** (exploratory grant, literature review, meta-analysis, evidence, and policy outreach support) | **Country** |
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| **Proposed travel dates** (if applicable) |
| **Start date:**(yyyy-mm-dd) |  | **End date:**(yyyy-mm-dd) |   |
| **Proposed partner(s)** |
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| **Have you previously submitted this proposal, or a related proposal, to any IPA or J-PAL program or initiative?** |
| Yes No   | If yes, which program or initiative, and when? |
| **RDS  funding requested** | **$** | **Total co-funded**[1] |   |
| **Grant start date:**(yyyy-mm-dd) |   | **Grant end date:**(yyyy-mm-dd) |   |

# Researcher Diversification Initiative: Narrative

*Note: The narrative should not exceed two pages, including the abstract and appendices. Please use a* ***12-point Calibri font.***

 **Abstract**:

[*150 words max*]

 **Statement of topic**:

Exploratory grants are intended to support preliminary research, so proposals need only address the general topic of interest, the academic literature you hope to contribute to, and your current thinking about how relevant questions might be explored through a randomized evaluation.

If you are applying for a grant to do a literature review or meta-analysis of relevant literature, you should discuss the research topic and its relevance to IPA and your country office.

If you are applying for evidence and policy outreach support, please describe the focus of the project, and how this project would contribute to the uptake of, support for, or development of randomized evaluations on any IPA thematic areas.

 **Proposed partner(s), if any:**

Proposed partners include IPA country offices, Researchers based in an African Institution, or other organizations based in Africa that applicants plan to work with for program implementation or research management purposes.

**Proposed work plan & timeline:**

Please explain what you would do with the funds if they were granted.

 **Relevance to IPA Francophone West Africa Research Agenda (priority sectors):**

A brief discussion of the project's connection to IPA Francophone West Africa priority sectors, and funding priorities.

[1] Please indicate the total amount of additional grants for this research, if any.