

Faculty Research Incubation Grant Application

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The Economic Growth Center (EGC) at Yale University aims to support faculty in the Yale Economics Department and EGC affiliates in developing research proposals related to themes of international development, trade and economic history in pursuit of external grant funding from major agencies (e.g. National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, USAID DIV, the Fund for Innovation in Development (FID), and private foundations). In particular, the EGC would like to encourage faculty to engage current Yale PhD students as research assistants in preparing these proposals. Three awards of up to \$10,000 will be available in the summer of 2021 to support the hiring of PhD students to work on proposals and related project development for external funding. Note that the application for external funding must be for a grant proposal submitted through EGC or Cowles.

Instructions for grant applications

Please submit the following to egc@yale.edu as a single PDF with the following in the title “Grant Application for EGC Research Incubation Grant – [First Name] [Last Name]” by May 24, 2021.

- 1. Cover Sheet:** The cover sheet is available on the EGC website: <https://egc.yale.edu/opportunities/faculty-research-support>
- 2. Narrative:** The narrative should not exceed two pages in length, including appendices, using 12-point font. It should include a concise statement on the proposed research topic. It is understandable that projects may be very preliminary, exploratory research in which case the research design is not expected to be fully developed, but in this case highlight the potential research opportunities. Also include any proposed partners (such as in-country research organizations or policy counterparts), the intended funding source(s) to which you plan to apply (along with the intended timeline for the application) and how the support of a PhD student research assistant will further the grant application effort. In particular, we might expect the PhD student to help with background research, data management and analysis, and drafting of the proposal narrative.
- 3. Budget:** No budget is required since this grant mechanism will only cover PhD student time. We assume that all PhD students research assistants would be paid at the standard rate of \$25/hour with no more than 20 hours per week for maximum billable hours of 400 hours, for a total of \$10,000. We expect that the grant will last no longer than 6 months, with the target period for this first grant window being the summer of 2021 with some potential to continue follow-up work into the fall.

Other requirements:

- A) Reporting.** A final report will be required within 3 months of the completion of funded activities. The report will be required to include:
 - 1) A narrative summary of learnings from the activities funded under the grant.
 - 2) A summary of research and grant proposal plans ahead, building on the activities funded.
 - 3) A brief report on how the student RA engaged in the project, hours worked and any related benefits to the student’s own research agenda.

- B) **IRB** approval will be required for any project that uses data from human subjects in accordance with Yale policies.¹
- C) A **Data Use Agreement (DUA)** for data received from other organizations with some restrictions on its use will be required where relevant in accordance with Yale policies.² Note that all DUAs must be reviewed by Yale's OSP.

¹ <https://your.yale.edu/research-support/human-research/yale-irbs-yale-university-institutional-review-boards/submission-4>

² <https://your.yale.edu/research-support/office-sponsored-projects/contracts/data-use-agreements-duas>