



## THE PEARSON INSTITUTE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND

The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts administers a research and innovation fund that provides grants to faculty and PhD students at the University of Chicago conducting research on global conflict. The studies must be rooted in innovative, data-driven research that seeks to understand and reduce global conflict and ultimately demonstrate public policy impact. The proposals may be regionally and topically diverse.

The Pearson Institute is focused on using quantitative social science to advance the study of conflict, but submissions from any field and using any methodology are permitted. Proposals are most likely to be funded if they demonstrate how the research will advance an important question in public policy involving global conflict.

Proposals may be submitted by current University of Chicago faculty and PhD students only. Faculty researchers are eligible to receive between \$5,000 - \$20,000, while PhD students are eligible for funding between \$2,000 - \$10,000. This is a competitive process; partial funding is likely, and full allotments will be rare, but we appreciate ambitious proposals.

### *Eligibility*

Grant proposals are welcome from full-time faculty members (including assistant, associate, and full professors), full-time research appointees (including senior research associates, research assistant professors, research associate professors, and research professors), full-time lecturers (including assistant instructional, associate instructional, and instructional professors), and full-time PhD students or candidates at the University of Chicago. Past grantees are welcome and encouraged to apply again.

We welcome research proposals that are inter-disciplinary and collaborate with partners outside the University of Chicago. Applicants may submit one individual proposal each and also up to one joint proposal in addition.

The fund will prioritize policy-relevant work in the social sciences, particularly quantitatively-oriented studies. However, we are open to considering research proposals from other disciplines and will evaluate these applications based on their contribution to the understanding and resolution of conflict.

### *Applications*

Applications must include:

- (1) A proposal outlining clear research objectives and how the funds would support this research (*no more than one page, pdf*)



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- (2) CV or resume (*pdf*)
- (3) Budget proposal (*please complete the Excel template provided on the website and submit as pdf*)
  - Examples of acceptable costs associated would include RA salaries, travel, data, and materials.
  - Examples of unacceptable costs are indirect costs. These are costs that are not directly identifiable to a specific sponsored project (administrative, clerical work, telephones, office supplies, electricity, gas, rent, etc.). Usually they are assigned to a project as a percentage of direct costs. Unacceptable costs also include PI compensation.

Please send application materials and any questions to Alex Carr, Director of Operations at The Pearson Institute, at [acarr3@uchicago.edu](mailto:acarr3@uchicago.edu).

## *Deadlines*

The deadline for proposals is Friday, December 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm CDT. Decisions will be announced in early 2021.

All funds must be spent within the 12 months following acceptance of the award. Unobligated balances will be returned to the fund for reallocation.

For information on previous awardees, please visit our [website](#).

## *Commitments*

Those who receive grant funds may be requested to share a working paper and/or their experience publicly during an event, and will be highlighted on our website. Awardees are asked to acknowledge The Pearson Institute in research findings.