



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 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, research appointees, 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 and partial funding is likely, 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; however, past grantees must be in compliance with stewardship requirements of previous awards in order to be eligible.

We welcome research proposals that are inter-disciplinary and collaborate with partners outside the University of Chicago. Applicants each may submit one individual proposal in addition to one joint proposal. Each research proposal, however, may only be submitted once, i.e. the same proposal cannot be funded twice if submitted by multiple individuals.

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*)
- (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.). They usually 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 Molly O'Donnell, Director of Operations at The Pearson Institute, at modonne1@uchicago.edu.

Deadlines

The deadline for proposals is **Friday, December 8, 2023, at 5:00 pm CT**. Decisions will be announced by January 31, 2024.

All funds must be spent within the 12 months following transfer 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, social media, and other digital communications. Awardees are asked to acknowledge The Pearson Institute in research findings.