

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
GLOBAL LGBTI SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
DUE DATE: April 30, 2021

About the Program

The Williams Institute's Global LGBTI Small Grants Program is designed to encourage new empirical research focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations in the Global South (Latin America, Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East/North Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands) as well as amplify voices of researchers from those regions. The program also aims to strengthen research capacity among participants by supporting networking and knowledge exchange (including a colloquium to present research findings) and providing mentorship, where needed, from Williams Institute scholars.

The program promotes two goals:

- Generate sound empirical research on issues impacting LGBTI populations in the Global South (Latin America, Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East/North Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands) that impacts law and policy.
- Strengthen the capacity of researchers from the Global South to further conduct rigorous, impactful research on issues impacting LGBTI populations through networking, knowledge exchange, and mentorship (as needed).

Applicants must submit a proposal describing the research project and its importance for law and policy impacting LGBTI people. Awardees will receive a grant to support their research, and work supported by the fellowship may be featured on the Williams Institute website and highlighted at Institute events.

Eligibility

- Applicants must reside or work in the following regions: Latin America, Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East/North Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands.
- Senior and junior faculty from a variety of disciplines, including social sciences (e.g., economics, sociology, demography, social psychology), public health, empirical legal studies, and public policy, are encouraged to apply.
- Advanced graduate students (PhD, JSD) interested in pursuing research focused on LGBTI people, as well as experienced researchers unaffiliated with academic institutions or who work with civil society organizations, are also eligible to apply.

Project Topic Areas

Research projects are not limited to any particular topic or area of public policy, but they must be empirical in nature. Sample projects include:

- National survey of stress, health, and wellbeing of LGBTI people in Trinidad and Tobago
- Study on the impact of legal gender recognition and other non-discrimination protections on discrimination and violence against transgender people in Argentina
- Study of violence by law enforcement and other state/non-state security agents against LGBTI people in Morocco.
- Analyzing existing datasets by national statistical agencies with measures of sexual orientation or gender identity

Other topics are welcome and may include (but are not limited to):

- New methodologies in collecting data on sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics (or people with intersex conditions), including development of research instruments in local languages
- Demographics and socio-economic characteristics of LGBTI people
- Discrimination, including multiple forms of discrimination, against LGBTI people
- Violence against LGBTI people
- Economic and educational outcomes among LGBTI people
- The effects of COVID-19 on LGBTI people
- Access to services, programs, and government benefits among LGBTI people, including barriers to access
- The effects of laws and policies on LGBTI people, including supportive (e.g., non-discrimination laws) and unsupportive (e.g., bans on access to gender affirming care) policies
- Public opinion toward or among LGBTI people
- Unique experiences and needs of trans+ people, people with intersex conditions, LGBTI youth, and LGBTI elders
- Religiosity, religious exemptions, and LGBTI people
- The experiences of LGBTI parents

Budget Information

We plan to fund projects with a budget up to \$5,000. Funds can provide both salary support and costs associated with acquiring and analyzing new or existing data. Proposals that are part of larger research initiatives are also welcome. Funds will be directly awarded to individual grantees and not through universities or other institutions. We cannot provide funding for indirect (or overhead) costs. Requests for travel funding should be limited to travel that is needed to carry out the research project. Project budgets should be for activities from June 15, 2021 through June 15, 2022. Applicants should consult a tax adviser on any potential tax liabilities stemming from an award of a small grant.

Reporting responsibilities

Grant recipients will be responsible for the following reporting requirements:

- 1) A summary report by the project end date, including a description of progress in accomplishing the project aims, funds expended, and a 500-word summary of the project findings written for a general audience.
- 2) Any resulting publications based on the research project for possible inclusion on the Williams Institute's website.
- 3) Participation in a colloquium with other grantees and invited participants to share research findings.

All applications, reporting materials, and colloquium presentation must be in English. However, resulting publications need not be in English.

Application Process

Applications must include:

1. **Project Summary.** A 200-word description of the project written for a non-academic audience.
2. **Research Proposal.** Proposal should be no more than 3 pages single-spaced (not including references list) and include the following sections:
 - Research aims: succinctly describe the specific research aims of the project
 - Project description: describe the project and include the following information
 - Significance of the project, including:
 1. *Significance to research*: discuss the knowledge to be gained and how it is relevant to existing research
 2. *Significance to policy*: discuss relevance to policy and its impact on LGBTI populations in the Global South
 3. *Advancing Program Goals*: describe how the project will contribute to the two goals of this program (above)
 - Research strategy: describe the project's design, sampling measures, and plan for data analysis
 - Dissemination: describe plan for disseminating the results, including expected research publications.
3. **Applicant Qualifications.** A description of the qualifications and experience of the applicant(s) and applicant's organization indicating the ability to successfully complete the proposed research project.
4. **Budget and Budget Narrative.** Budgets should include the total amount requested through the small grants program and estimates for all costs to be covered by the grant. The budget should reflect resources necessary to complete the proposed project in a timely way. If the overall project budget is greater than the request to the Williams Institute, please describe other sources of funding and the amount of funding those sources are providing or the amount that has been requested from those sources. For in-kind contributions, provide a letter from the institution providing these funds.
5. **Human Subjects Narrative.** Applicants must indicate if the project involves human subjects and, if so, identify the institutional review board (IRB) responsible and what IRB process (e.g., expedited review) will be used. **If human subject(s) approval is necessary, funds will not be released until IRB approval is obtained.**
6. **Curriculum Vitae.** Include CVs for all key personnel involved in the project.
7. **Statement of Mentorship Needs (optional):** If applicable, please include a brief statement of needs if you would like mentorship from Williams Institute scholars during the course of your project. Please identify any areas of expertise, including subject matter and methodological expertise, where you would benefit from consultation with Institute scholars. This request will be considered along with the research proposal.

Selection Criteria

Project proposals will be assessed on the quality of the research design, the potential to impact research and policy, and the extent to which the project will advance the program goals of bolstering LGBTI research and researchers in the Global South. Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee comprised of experts from outside the United States, Williams Institute scholars, and UCLA faculty.

Applications must be in English and received by **April 30, 2021** via email or mail. Awards will be announced by May 30, 2021. Email complete proposal only to:

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