

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
LGBTQ & RACIAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
DUE DATE: March 19, 2021

About the LGBTQ & Racial Justice Small Grants Program

The Williams Institute's LGBTQ & Racial Justice Small Grants Program is designed to encourage new research that is focused on LGBTQ populations, with a particular focus on scholarship that addresses emerging issues at the intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The Program is designed to support work that will have a direct impact on law and policy. Scholars from a variety of disciplines, including social sciences (e.g., economics, sociology, demography, social psychology), public health, law, and public policy, are encouraged to apply.

The program promotes three goals:

- Generating sound research on LGBTQ populations, specifically those with multiple marginalized identities including LGBTQ Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC), that has a direct impact on law and policy.
- Developing a better understanding of how laws and public policies impact the lives of LGBTQ BIPOC.
- Translating and disseminating such research into forms (issue briefs, fact sheets, legislative testimony, etc.) that are frequently used to convey research to policy makers.

Awardees will receive a grant to support their research and will have the option to be mentored throughout their project by Williams Institute scholars. Work supported by the fellowship may be featured on the Williams Institute website and highlighted at Institute events.

Examples of projects supported through the Williams Institute Small Grants Program in the past include studies on the [interactions](#) between transgender Latina women and law enforcement, the availability of culturally competent health care for LGBT immigrants, and experiences of hate violence among LGBTQ BIPOC.

Eligibility

Graduate students & junior faculty interested in pursuing a career focused on intersectional issues impacting LGBTQ+ people and BIPOC are strongly encouraged to apply. Senior scholars and faculty interested in expanding their research agenda in this area are also welcomed to apply.

Applicants (e.g., individuals, organizations, institutions) must have a U.S. tax ID.

Example Topic Areas (other topics welcomed)

- Criminalization of LGBTQ BIPOC & experiences with the criminal justice system
- Violence against LGBTQ BIPOC
- Economic and educational outcomes among LGBTQ BIPOC
- The effects of COVID-19 on LGBTQ BIPOC
- Demographics and socio-economic characteristics of LGBTQ BIPOC
- Discrimination, including multiple discrimination, against LGBTQ BIPOC
- Access to services (e.g., homeless shelters, food, substance abuse treatment, mental health), programs, and government benefits among LGBTQ BIPOC, including barriers to access)
- The effects of laws and policies on LGBTQ BIPOC, including supportive (e.g., non-discrimination laws, paid leave) and unsupportive (e.g., bans on access to gender affirming care) policies
- Economic impact studies
- Public opinion toward or among LGBTQ BIPOC

- Unique experiences and needs of trans+ BIPOC, LGBTQ BIPOC youth, and LGBTQ BIPOC elders
- Religiosity, religious exemptions, and LGBTQ BIPOC
- The experiences of LGBTQ BIPOC parents, immigrants, people living with disability, homeless individuals, and people living with HIV

Budget Information

We plan to fund three to seven projects in the range of \$1,000 to \$7,500 each. Funds can provide both salary support and costs associated with acquiring and analyzing new or existing datasets. Proposals that are part of larger research initiatives are also welcome. 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 May 19, 2021 through May 19, 2022. Applicants should consult a tax adviser on any potential tax liabilities stemming from an award of a small grant.

Reporting Responsibilities

The project director of funded research will provide a summary report by 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.

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 scholarly literature
 2. *Significance to policy:* discuss relevance to policy and its impact on LGBTQ BIPOC populations
 3. *Relevance:* describe how the project will contribute to the two goals of this program (above)
 - Research strategy: describe the project's design, sampling approach (if relevant), and plan for data analysis
 - Dissemination: describe plan for disseminating the results, including expected research publications.

Note: Grantees will be required to submit a summary of findings and any resulting publications for possible inclusion on the Williams Institute's website.
- 3. Applicant.** 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. Inclusion of co-investigators is strongly encouraged if the proposed project methodology is outside of the training of the primary applicant.
- 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.

Applications must be received by March 19, 2021 via email or mail. Awards will be announced by May 19, 2021. Email complete proposal only to:

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Please be aware that we cannot answer questions about suitability or merits of planned proposals.