

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
GLOBAL LGBTI AGING SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
DUE DATE: August 31, 2022

About the Program

The Williams Institute and SAGE's Global LGBTI Aging Small Grants Program is designed to encourage new empirical research and data collection on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex older adults (ages 50 and above) in the Global South (i.e. Latin America, Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East/North Africa, Asia, and Pacific Islands).

The program promotes two goals:

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

Applicants must submit a proposal describing the research project and its importance for law, policy, and service provision impacting LGBTI older adults. Awardees will receive a grant to support their research, and work supported by the program may be featured on the Williams Institute's or SAGE's website and highlighted at organizational events.

Eligibility

- Applicants must reside or work in the following regions: Latin America, Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East/North Africa, Asia, or 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 older adults, as well as experienced researchers unaffiliated with academic institutions or who work with civil society organizations, are also eligible to apply.

Project Topic Areas

The Williams Institute and SAGE are interested in supporting LGBTI asset-based, applied research focused on the following topics:

- LGBTI identity development in later life
- caregiving, social support, and kinship among LGBTQI older adults
- elder healthcare access and quality of services
- experiences of discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, class, anti-Blackness, colorism, anti-indigenous bias, and/or immigration status for LGBTI older adults
- experiences and impact of violence and elder abuse on LGBTI elders
- impacts of the criminalization of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression;

- advocacy, community organizing, and social movement participation by and for LGBTI older adults.

Budget Information

We plan to fund projects with a budget up to \$4,999. 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 November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. 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 law/policy/services:* 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
 - Timeline: present a general timeline for completion of the project
 - 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 international experts from the Williams Institute, SAGE, and external

Applications must be in English and received by **August 31, 2022** via email. Email complete proposal only to: wiGlobalSmallGrants@law.ucla.edu

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

For more on the Williams Institute see <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/>.

[SAGE](#) is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ older people. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBTQ+ older people and their caregivers.