



Request for Proposals:

(1) Urban Violence and Policing

(2) Climate Justice

(3) Polarization and Democracy

Deadline for submissions: 5:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) network is soliciting proposals for quantitative field studies on one of the following priority themes: (1) urban violence and policing, (2) climate justice, or (3) polarization and democracy. We aim to fund 6 grants of up to \$15,000 each to teams led by principal investigators from the Global South. We plan to award two grants for studies that fit each of the above three topics. A critical feature of the grant is that it seeks to fund quantitative research (e.g., surveys, field experiments, or large-N analysis of administrative data) in the Global South that may lead to an accumulated understanding of promising governance innovations in each of these areas of study. We are especially interested in proposals for formative research that can then inform future larger-scale collaborative studies between researchers and practitioner organizations, including NGOs, civil society organizations, or government agencies.

Grant Size and Eligibility

- EGAP will award up to \$15,000 to successful proposals and expects to select up to 6 award winners (2 awardees per theme).
- Funding can be used to support the investigators' time, travel and lodging associated with field research, research assistance, phone survey implementation costs, data purchase or storage, and other reasonable field research expenses.
- Eligibility is restricted to Global South scholars. This refers to individuals who (a) currently hold a PhD and are employed or at a university or research institute in the Global South; (b) currently study at the doctoral level at a university or

research institute in the Global South, (c) received an undergraduate or graduate university degree from a Global South university and are currently a graduate student, postdoc, or faculty elsewhere, or (d) currently teach at a Global South university or research institute and received their PhD no more than five years ago.

- *Note:* Collaborations between Global South scholars and other researchers (including US-based collaborators) are eligible to apply for this grant; however projects must be clearly led by a Global South-based scholar, and if funds are awarded, the funds will be transferred directly to the Global South-based applicant and not the non-Global South researchers.
- *Note:* Applications from unaffiliated researchers are not eligible (i.e., those who do not study, teach, or conduct research at a university, international institution, formally accredited research center, or government department).
- Please contact admin@egap.org with any questions regarding eligibility.
- Grant recipients will be required to secure necessary research approvals where appropriate (e.g., IRB approval must be acquired unless there exists an explicit and legal reason for exemption and such approval must be shared for any primary data collection prior to the start of data collection).

Topics of research

We invite proposals for quantitative field studies on *any* of the three topics discussed below.

1. Urban Violence and Policing

Description: The Urban Violence and Policing research area focuses on promoting citizen security while curbing abuses of power by state-backed security agents in countries around the world. This research area will study innovations in police force reform, incorporating non-state actors in promoting security, and inclusive governance arrangements for public safety. The research area builds on EGAP's four year (2016-2020) Metaketa round on community based policing. Potential new areas of research focus include:

- Accountability mechanisms to promote good police behavior;

- Changes in recruitment, training and counseling of officers and state-backed security agents;
- New policing and citizen engagement strategies;
- Institutional reforms to state-backed security agencies;
- Social crime prevention strategies.

2. *Climate Justice*

Description: The Climate Justice research area focuses on policy responses to climate change and addressing inequalities across people and communities who bear the brunt of its negative impacts. This broad topic will include research on inclusive resource governance and strategies to address climate-related vulnerabilities and promote resilience. The research area builds on EGAP's four year (2016-2020) Metaketa round on natural resource governance. Future research will study innovations in areas that include the following:

- Strategies to address public perceptions, vulnerabilities, and inequalities in promoting sustainable practices so as to mitigate climate change;
- Strategies for including diverse voices in policy processes to ensure inclusive strategies to adapt to climate change and associated risks.

3. *Polarization and Democracy*

Description: The Polarization and Democracy research area addresses the challenge of polarization across partisan lines, including both increased affective polarization and polarization in perceptions on core issues like the economy, public safety, inequality, and climate change. This research area builds on work by many members of the EGAP network who have studied polarization and its consequences for democratic backsliding, mistrust in public institutions, and poor government response to crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Focusing on citizens who differ in partisanship, identity, or policy preferences, potential topics include:

- Strategies for productive public deliberation and problem solving for public policy;
- Strategies to reduce partisan animosity and dehumanization in politics;
- Strategies to counter hateful rhetoric in political campaigns.

Submission Guidelines

Interested applicants should fill out and submit the following documents:

- Proposal Cover Sheet and Narrative Template
- Budget Template with accompanying Budget Narrative
- A current CV

Send completed application documents to admin@egap.org by the submission deadline of Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time.

Deliverables for Grants

Projects that are awarded funding will have the following deliverables:

- Analysis plan, implementation plan, budget, and Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval before launch of field activities and transmission of funds.
- Implementation reports on progress toward completion of project milestones.
- Budget and financial report, including copy of receipts or other proof of expenditure after completion of field activities.
- A working paper based on the data collected in the field research.
- Funded scholars may be invited to participate and prepare a presentation at an in-person or online EGAP meeting in 2022/2023. The timing for these deliverables will be determined at the time of award.

About EGAP

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) is a global research, evaluation, and learning network that promotes rigorous knowledge accumulation, innovation, and evidence-based policy in various governance and accountability domains. EGAP operates as a research initiative out of the Institute for Governmental Studies at the University of Berkeley. These grants are supported through funding from The Hewlett Foundation.