

EGAP LATAM Regional Hub Small Grants Fund Request for Proposals: Displacement, Migration, and Integration

Submission Deadline: 5:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Friday, October 15, 2021

The Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Latin America Regional Hub is soliciting proposals for quantitative field studies on the theme of displacement, migration, and integration. We aim to fund 3-5 grants up to USD \$15,000 each to teams led by principal investigators based in / from Latin America that will conduct research in a Latin American country. 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 Latin America that may lead to an accumulated understanding of promising governance or civil society-led innovations in this area 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 USD \$15,000 for individuals who meet the below stated eligibility criteria and are currently enrolled in a PhD program or in possession of a PhD and/or have prior experience leading research projects with similar levels of funding (please highlight relevant experience in your CV). Note that proposals with budgets less than USD \$15,000 will be favorably considered, with the possibility of awarding additional grants depending on availability.

- Up to USD \$5,000 for individuals who meet the below stated eligibility criteria and have completed a Master's degree but are not currently enrolled in a PhD program or in possession of a PhD and have limited prior experience in leading research projects.
- Up to USD \$2,000 for individuals who meet the below stated eligibility criteria and are currently pursuing a Master's degree.
- 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 scholars based in / from Latin America. This refers to individuals who (a) currently hold a PhD and are employed or at a university or research institute in Latin America; (b) currently study at the doctoral level at a university or research institute in Latin America; or (c) received an undergraduate or graduate university degree from a Latin American university and are currently a graduate student, postdoc, or faculty elsewhere.
 - Note: Collaborations between scholars based in / from Latin America and
 other researchers (including US-based collaborators) are eligible to apply
 for this grant; however projects must be clearly led by a scholar based in /
 from Latin America, and if funds are awarded, the funds will be transferred
 directly to the applicant based in / from Latin America and not the nonLatin American 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 <u>egap latam@uniandes.edu.co</u> 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 in Latin American countries on the topic of displacement, migration, and integration, discussed below.

Displacement, Migration, and Integration

<u>Description:</u> The Displacement, Migration, and Integration research area focuses on the safety and well-being of individuals displaced by violence, disasters, economic difficulty, or other hardship and on facilitating their integration into new communities or back into home communities, as appropriate. The focus will be on both international refugees and migrants as well as internally displaced populations, returnees, and excombatants. Work within this thematic topic will have a wide geographic lens encompassing both countries and regions where migrants or the displaced originate as well as where they settle. This research area builds on initiatives undertaken by many members of the EGAP network across both the Global North and Global South.

Researchers will focus on innovations in areas that include:

- Social contact, perspective-taking, and other strategies to reduce discrimination, xenophobia, and violence against migrants and the displaced,
- Strategies to ensure social, economic, and psychological well-being for migrants and the displaced,
- Strategies for representing the needs and interests of migrants and the displaced in policy-formulation processes.

Submission Guidelines

Interested applicants should fill out and submit the following documents:

- Research Proposal
- <u>Budget</u>
- Budget Justification
- A current CV

Send completed application documents to egap latam@uniandes.edu.co by the submission deadline of 5:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Friday, October 15, 2021.

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 inperson or online EGAP meeting in 2022/2023. The timing for these deliverables will be determined at the time of award.

About EGAP Latin America Regional Hub

The <u>Latin America Regional Hub</u> is EGAP's initial Regional Hub office. Established in 2021 in alliance with the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia, the Latin America Hub exists to coordinate EGAP events in the region, and expand EGAP's capacity for global research exchange. Under the Hub model, EGAP's activities will allow locally rooted scholars to identify local priorities, set the research agenda, share knowledge, and foster collaboration across regions.