



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2020/21 Griffin Applied Economics Incubator on the Global Energy Challenge is pleased to announce a call for proposals. The [Griffin Applied Economics Incubator](#), now in its second year, aims to elevate the status of the University of Chicago as a hub for generating initiatives that drive broad-based change. The Global Energy Challenge (ensuring energy markets provide access to reliable, affordable energy needed for growth, while limiting emissions that cause climate change and damage to the environment) will be one of the defining problems of this century. The Incubator welcomes proposals on any aspect of the challenge, in any country or context.

The award will be for a period of 12 months and an amount up to \$65,000; especially compelling Full Research Projects with clear rationales for additional funding may be awarded up to \$125,000 to be spent in the same period of time. All projects must include at least one University of Chicago faculty member. Strong preference will be given to projects that have not yet resulted in written work.

Timeline

Call date: July 13, 2020

Application deadline: August 3, 2020

Approximate decision date: August 17, 2020

Project start date: September 1, 2020

Funding

Three types of proposals will be considered:

Full Research Projects: These grants are for research projects at a mature level of development. Not only must the research question be clear, but applicants must demonstrate a credible research design, including (if applicable) access to data and commitments from partners.

Pilot Studies: These grants are for studies with a clear research question, but for which the design and implementation requires further testing and pilot data. The expectation is that these projects will ultimately develop into full-scale research projects.

Proposal Development Grants: These grants cover exploratory work related to preliminary research ideas, such as conducting background research, developing partnerships, visiting field sites, and collecting preliminary data. The expectation is that these funds will be used to develop a proposal to another donor for additional funding for a pilot or full scale project.

Requirements

Proposal of no more than five pages that includes the proposal type, proposed topic, timeline, research design, budget justification, and PI bio or CV. For any questions regarding proposal structure, please contact EPIC Deputy Director Lindsay Iversen at liversen@uchicago.edu.

Process

Submit all proposals [here](#). Please direct questions to EPIC Deputy Director Lindsay Iversen, at liversen@uchicago.edu.

Decision

Professor Michael Greenstone and two external energy economists will together consider proposals. Up to six grants will be made. Winners will be announced on or about August 17, 2020.

Terms and Conditions

The terms of awards are as follows:

1. **Progress reporting:** Researchers awarded funding for full research proposals will be required to provide a brief, two-page progress report with expenditures on a quarterly basis. A final project report and financial report must be submitted within 60 days of completion of the grant period. For pilot and proposal development grants, an annual narrative and financial report is expected, along with a final report at the end of the funding period.

If necessary, no-cost extensions of up to six months may be considered pending approval of the senior committee.

2. **Research publicity:** The Incubator expects to publicize all research results following the approval of PIs. Communications staff will work closely with researchers to disseminate research results.
3. **Participate in Incubator activities:** Grantees may be requested to participate in Incubator activities when possible. Activities may include evidence workshops, presentations, conferences, and other relevant activities.
4. **Credit Incubator:** Any presentations and publications intended for the public domain, including policy briefs, press releases, blogs, and newsletters that emerge from projects should credit the Griffin Applied Economics Incubator on the Global Energy Challenge, as approved by Incubator PIs or staff. When appropriate, the official logos of the Griffin Incubator and EPIC should also be included, subject to each institution's prior approval.
5. **Funding usage:** Funds may not be used to directly support PI salary. They may be used to cover salary support for project personnel such as, but not limited to, post-doctoral scholars, research assistants, or graduate students.