



Innovations for Poverty Action Intimate Partner Violence Initiative

Application Guidelines, RFP Round 4 (Fall 2021)

The Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Initiative invites proposals from researchers working on randomized trials for the fourth round of the research fund. The purpose of this research fund is to leverage existing research studies to advance our understanding of the underlying causes and influencing factors of intimate partner violence.

Globally, violence against women is a leading cause of premature death and morbidity for women. Almost one-third of women report experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV) or sexual violence by a non-partner at some point in their life, and nearly 40 percent of all homicides of women are committed by an intimate partner. Given the pervasive and complex nature of the problem, a wide range of factors can drive changes in IPV including increased empowerment, economic well-being, and household stress among others. **The IPV initiative seeks to inform global development policy and practice through expanding and improving the scientific evidence on pathways to mitigate IPV.** By building on existing studies, the IPV Initiative aims to generate insights on the types of development programs that shift IPV outcomes and what factors drive these changes, including studies of programs that impact household finances, increase women's empowerment, improve socio-emotional skills.

With this call for proposals, IPA solicits proposals from research teams interested in expanding their existing studies to further investigate this important topic. In most cases, we expect to fund studies in which the intervention was not originally intended to target IPV, and the assessment of IPV outcomes were not part of the original study design. However, we will consider funding for the expansion of studies already focused on IPV where there is a unique opportunity to add novel insights. Thematically, there is particular interest in women's economic productivity and labor market engagement; the most effective "plus" programs for "cash plus" activities; couples counseling and mental health support from paraprofessionals; partner selection and "dating violence"; and adolescent mentorship and soft skills training programs. However, we will be happy to consider a broader range of interventions so long as the research studies are ethically designed and there is a plausible theoretical basis for why we would expect to see changes in IPV. Examples of projects that received funding in previous rounds can be found [here](#).

Proposals are due by **11:59pm EST December 17, 2021**. We particularly encourage multidisciplinary teams that include researchers that are from the countries where the field research occurs, and includes researchers with previous gender/IPV experience. Those interested in applying are asked to first read through our funding priorities below.

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The application materials for this call for proposals are:

- [Application Template \(Word\)](#)
- [Budget Template \(Excel\)](#)
- [Online Portal to Submit Applications \(Formstack\)](#)
- [Additional Reference Materials: Research Ethics Resources](#) (see links at the top of the page)

Please contact the [IPV Initiative team](#) with any questions.

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