President’s Global Innovation Fund

Proposal Questions

Note: This document is for reference only. All proposals must be completed using the online proposal form available here.

Section 1: Contact Information

Proposal Lead / Principal Investigator
Note: Must be eligible to serve as a Principal Investigator per Columbia University guidelines.
  First Name
  Last Name
  Title
  Primary Columbia University school/institute/center affiliation
  Email
  Phone number

Primary Columbia Collaborator 1 (optional)
Note: Primary Columbia collaborators can be full-time faculty, researchers, postdocs, or students at Columbia University or its affiliates.
  First Name
  Last Name
  Title
  Primary Columbia University school/institute/center affiliation
  Email
  Phone number

Primary Columbia Collaborator 2 (optional)
Note: Primary Columbia collaborators can be full-time faculty, researchers, postdocs, or students at Columbia University or its affiliates.
  First Name
  Last Name
  Title
  Primary Columbia University school/institute/center affiliation
  Email
  Phone number
Section 2: Project Information

For which type of award are you applying?
- Early Concept Award (up to $25,000; project period of 1-2 years)
- Innovation Award (up to $100,000; project period of 2-3 years)

Check here to confirm that the project lead(s) held at least one planning consultation about the proposed project with the Director of the relevant Global Center(s). (checkbox)

Specify the Global Center(s) with which planning consultation(s) were held. _____

Project Title _____________

Project Duration (in months): _____

Project Overview
In no more than 500 words, describe the proposed project, including rationale, goal(s), objectives, key activities, collaborations, and expected outputs and outcomes. Include a brief description of any interdisciplinary aspects of the proposed project.

Anticipated Impact (word limit: 250)
Specify the proposed project’s outputs, outcomes, and impact. Outputs are the immediate results of activities (e.g., number of workshops organized, number of people trained, etc.) and outcomes are the change you expect to see in the medium- or long-term (e.g., changes in knowledge, attitudes, and/or skills). Please also describe what longer-term impact you anticipate resulting from the proposed project (we recognize that the impact may not be achieved during the proposed project’s timeframe).

Monitoring and Evaluation Approach (word limit: 250)
Summarize the plan to monitor and evaluate the proposed project. Responses should include answers to the following questions:
- Who will monitor the project and how?
- How will you use the monitoring data?
- What will be your approach for evaluating the project’s outcomes and impact?
- How will you adhere to ethical standards for M&E?
- What are potential ways in which the information collected through monitoring and evaluation will be managed and shared?

Global Center Role (word limit: 250)
Describe the role of collaborating Columbia Global Center(s) in the proposed project (e.g., in convenings, cultivating local research partnerships, support for research or other activities, and/or providing platforms for exchange, learning, and the dissemination of findings).

Proposed Collaboration with Local and/or Regional Entities (word limit: 250)
Briefly describe any proposed collaborations with local and/or regional entities, such as universities, governments, NGOs, research institutions, civil society groups, and cultural institutions.
Briefly describe the key team member(s) who will be implementing the project (including their affiliations with Columbia schools/centers/institutes). What makes them particularly well-suited to pursue this project? (word limit: 250)

Student Engagement (word limit: 250)
Describe plans for engaging Columbia University students (undergraduate students, graduate students, and/or postdocs) in the implementation for the proposed project, including specific activities students will support or lead, supervisory arrangements, and the anticipated duration of student engagement. Please specify the students' anticipated level/year and specialization.

Project Workplan
Upload a simple, high-level workplan for the project using the template provided here under the section "Templates."

Next Steps to Support Sustained Impact (word limit: 250)
Please describe anticipated next steps following completion of the proposed project. For example, a summary of plans to pursue additional funding to support the initiative's next phase, the dissemination of findings through conference presentation(s) or publication(s), etc.

Upload CV of Proposal Lead
(File must be in PDF format.)

PI Eligibility of Proposal Lead
Check here to affirm that the proposal lead is eligible to serve as a Principal Investigator per Columbia University guidelines. (check box)

Upload letter(s) of support from relevant school dean(s) and/or institute/center director(s)

Optional Uploads (max. 2 uploads)
Please upload up to two supplementary attachments here. Do not include narrative that duplicates the information requested in this proposal form. Please label files clearly.

Section 3: Project Budget

Total amount of funding requested (in USD): ____

Budget
Upload a budget for the proposed project using the template provided here under the section "Templates."

Note:
- Permissible budget requests include research assistant costs, student stipends, research costs, travel (only economy class is allowable), local travel, accommodation, meeting costs, and vendor payments (e.g., translation, printing, etc.).
- Travel support requests must abide by general University policies regarding permissible travel expenses. Funding cannot be used for faculty or administrative compensation or purchasing equipment.
- Indirect cost recoveries and/or administrative fees are not allowed.
Budget Narrative
Upload a budget narrative for the proposed project using the template provided here under the section "Templates."

Please indicate if you have secured funds from other sources to pursue this project. (word limit: 250)

Section 4: Additional Information (Optional)

Columbia Global is committed to the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, and fostering an environment that is representative of the communities in which we engage. With this mind, we respectfully ask applicants to provide the following demographic information. No personal data will be made public. Responses are optional and will not be used in the application review, decision making, or selection process. For each question, there are field options for “prefer to self-describe or self-identify.”

Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity?
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Biracial/Multiracial
- Prefer to self-describe

With which gender identify do you most identify?
- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Nonbinary
- Prefer to self-identify

Columbia University provides accommodation and support services for faculty, staff, and students with disabilities. Do you identify as a person with a disability?
- No
- Yes, I have a sensory impairment (hearing)
- Yes, I have a sensory impairment (vision)
- Yes, I have a mobility impairment
- Yes, I have a seen or unseen disability not listed
- Prefer to self-describe
Section 5: Applicant Signature

I hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. (check box)

Please type your full name as your signature.