

Research Working Group Application Instructions

FALL DEADLINE - **October 1,**

SPRING DEADLINE - **March 1**

PROCEDURES

Interested faculty, senior associates or graduate students should submit a proposal that includes, in one continuous document, the following:

- The goals of the Research Working Group and how the proposed activities might advance research, teaching, or outreach on development
- How the proposed group will contribute to the Department of Development Sociology and Cornell University beyond addressing the Polson Institute's focus on development studies
- Activities for which financial support is needed, along with a budget
- Participants, including leadership
- Proposals for a second year of an existing Research Working Group should summarize the group's accomplishments and indicate how additional funding will contribute to continued productivity and the accomplishment of original and/or new scholarly goals and objectives.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Overall strength of the application in terms of the quality and significance of the work proposed;
- Collective benefit of the activity to the department, including plans for public presentation or dissemination

We prioritize proposals that invite broad departmental participation, and that make the intellectual work of the department visible. The Polson Institute will work to assist funded groups with these kinds of efforts.

Submit materials to polsoninstitute@cornell.edu.

Note that funds cannot be used for salary replacement, summer salary, graduate student assistantships, off-campus conference participation, on-going program-related expenses, equipment, and/or dissertation research.



ELIGIBILITY

Research Working Groups must be organized by at least one faculty member or senior associate in the Department of Development Sociology.

RANGE OF AWARD

Funding for the first year will normally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and total funding for a Research Working Group will not exceed \$10,000.

DEADLINES

Fall Semester - October 1 (awards announced November 1).

Spring Semester - March 1 (awards announced April 1).

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

In the first year, RWGs typically meet to discuss books and other readings and possibly to develop a common project around a research theme. In cases when RWGs extend into a second year, possible activities include:

- Holding an international conference focused on a particular area of development scholarship and/or policy
- Preparing a proposal for obtaining funding for a cooperative research project
- Preparing curricular or other pedagogical materials to enhance teaching in a particular area of development sociology
- Publishing a co-authored or co-edited book
- Preparing outreach-oriented or policy related materials that build bridges between academic scholarship on development and public policy or program administration

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PERIOD OF ACTIVITY

Groups are initially supported for one year. Groups may apply for a one year extension by providing a summary of work completed in the first year of the RWG and a proposed plan for the second year as well as a timeline for completion of the remaining activities. Acceptance of this extension is contingent on accomplishments and availability of funds.