

Russell Sage Foundation Core Research Grant Application

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Letter of Inquiry

How did you hear about this program (select all that apply)?

- RSF Website
- RSF Newsletter/Email
- Colleague
- Meeting/Conference
- Social Media
- Listserv of a Professional Organization
- Other

Project Information

Research Priority: [Select from drop down]

Project Title:

Project Abstract/Summary: [recommended length 150 words]

Please review RSF's budget guidelines before submitting this application (<https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/apply-project-grants/budget>). LOIs do not require a full budget template. If you are invited to submit a proposal, you will be asked to submit a project budget using RSF budget template at that time. Note that the maximum grant amount is \$200,000, including 15% indirect costs. No indirect costs are allowed on grant amounts of \$75,000 and less.

Budget Requested [in USD]:

Proposed Project Start Date:

Proposed Grant Duration: 12 months
 24 months

PI Academic-Year Teaching Load:

- None
- 1-4 courses/year
- 5 courses/year
- 6 or more courses/year

Co-PI Information

Are there co-principal investigators involved on this grant? [Yes/No]

If Yes, for each co-PI:

Co-PI Name:

Co-PI Organization:

Co-PI Email Address:

Co-PI Academic-Year Teaching Load:

Supplemental Project Information

Is your project focused on academic research in the social sciences (economics, sociology, psychology, etc.?): [Yes/No] *If your project is not focused on academic research in the social sciences, it likely will not be eligible for funding from RSF. Please refer to our website for more information.*

Is your project focused on general support for an organization, health outcomes, or project evaluation? [Yes/No] *RSF does not typically fund general support for organizations, health outcomes, or project evaluation projects. Please refer to our website for more information.*

What kinds of data are you proposing to use in your project? Select all that apply.

Administrative	Matched or Linked
Ethnography	Proprietary
Experiments	Social Media
Historical/Archival	Survey
Interviews	Other (specify)
Large Scale Text	

Survey Firms: If data collection will be performed by a survey firm, RSF asks that applicants invited to submit a full proposal obtain a quote from at least two firms. The quotes should contain details of the participant compensation structure. If invited to submit a full proposal, you will be asked to include a discussion of the two quotes in the budget narrative and justify the decision to use one of the firms. Note that there is no requirement to engage the firm with the lowest quote if there is a good reason for choosing the higher quote. Please see [Application Requirements](#) for more information.

Does your project rely on access to restricted-use or proprietary data? [Yes/No]

Data Access Confirmation: If the successful completion of a project depends on access to data sources that are not publicly available, the grant would be contingent on written confirmation of access to these data sources.

Will your project, if funded, use RSF funds to collect data, purchase data, or pay data access fees? (Select all that apply)

Pay data access fees

Purchase data

Collect data

None of the above

Will your project result in a new dataset (originally collected or newly linked data)? [Yes/No]

Data Release Policy: As a condition for providing substantial support for new data collection or newly linked/developed datasets, RSF requires PIs to make their datasets publicly available to the social science research community. If PIs are invited to submit a full proposal, they will be asked to include a plan for public release of the data and documentation. RSF will consider exceptions for proprietary data and qualitative data.

Is your proposed project a randomized control trial? [Yes/No]

Pre-Registration Policy: As a condition for providing substantial support for randomized controlled trials (RCTs), RSF requires RCTs to be pre-registered. If a proposal is invited, PIs will be asked where and when they plan to pre-register the trials.

Please indicate what method(s) you will use to analyze your data.

- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Mixed Methods
- Not applicable

If Mixed Methods, what is the primary method for data analysis?

- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Equally Qualitative/Quantitative Methods

Briefly describe how you will analyze your data.

You may include up to four possible reviewers who you believe are well qualified to review your submission and do not have a conflict of interest. Please note that this list will serve as a suggestion to RSF only; we cannot guarantee who will serve as a reviewer on this project.

You also may designate persons who you believe cannot provide an unbiased review of your submission. Please send their names to programs@rsage.org. A member of our Programs team may reach out for more information.

LOI Required Documents

1. **Letter of Inquiry**
2. **CV**

Invited Proposal

Full Proposal Requirements

Do you plan on drafting a book length manuscript based on the work you are conducting for this project? [Yes/No]

RSF does not consider or prioritize the type of publications proposed by investigators (e.g., journal articles, book manuscript) in its evaluation and selection of projects for funding. However, RSF does have an active publishing program and if a book is proposed, the foundation reserves the right to publish. If this grant is approved, RSF Director of Publications will reach out to you to discuss your project.

IRB Review

Which of the following applies to your project?

Requires IRB approval or exemption determination

Does NOT involve human subjects research (IRB review not applicable)

Other Funding

Have you submitted or do you plan to submit this proposal to another source? [Yes/No]

If Yes:

Please describe any CONFIRMED sources of support for the project, including name of funder and grant amount:

Please describe any PENDING sources of support for the project, including name of funder, requested grant amount, and application status:

Is this proposal related to other project(s) for which you have received funding or expect to request funding from another source? [Yes/No]

Please provide a brief explanation of the related project(s) and list the source(s) and the amounts received/requested:

Full Proposal Documents

- Proposal Narrative
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Pre-registration Confirmation [if applicable/can be submitted after grant approval]
- Proof of IRB Approval [if applicable/can be submitted after grant approval]
- Data Access Confirmation [if applicable/can be submitted after grant approval]