



Queries and responses on the request for research proposals

World Income Inequality Database

Q.1 Should I use only the World Income Inequality Database (WIID) for my research, or can I use other databases? For example, will it be acceptable to incorporate country-specific secondary data sourced from elsewhere? And, are research proposals that incorporate other types of data, such as those related to welfare, climate, or public health also possible?

A.1 The Request for Research Proposals within the WIID project will give priority to projects that use the WIID, alone or in combination with other databases, to study inequality, its drivers, and/or its impacts. Other proposals of great interest to the project objectives may also be considered.

Q.2 Is it fine if I use household survey data from a particular developing country?

A.2 Yes.

Q.3 Can my research proposal focus on only countries of a specific region, such as sub-Saharan African countries or East African countries?

A.3 Yes. Work on specific world regions or sets of countries perfectly falls within the scope of the call.

Q.4 Can my proposal focus on one country? Is it necessary that it should be cross-country analysis?

A.4 Your research can refer to one or various countries, or to global inequality. The database is probably more useful when it involves cross-country comparisons, but research proposals for one country will be considered equally.

Q.5 Would it be of interest for this call if I work on the relationship between inequality, poverty, and climate change?

A.5 The scope of the RFRP is quite broad, so yes, any topic around income distribution, including poverty, inequality, and/or their connection with other phenomena will be considered.

Q.6 What types of data (time series, panel, etc.) does the World Income Inequality Database provide? Do you have information on individuals' (households) income sources in your database?

A.6 On [this page](#), you can download the datasets and find all related documentation, including user guides, blog posts, technical notes, and various working papers using the data.

Q.7 I would like you to shed more light on what the proposal should contain.

A.7 You can see the necessary components of the research proposal in [this document](#), under Proposal submission details. You should fill in the web form and upload an extended abstract of 500–1500 words and the CV(s) of each researcher.

Q.8 Can I submit more than one proposal

A.8 Yes. Although selecting two proposals from the same author(s) is unlikely; it may be the case that one proposal fits better than the other.

Q.9 How many proposals will you select?

A.9 We do not have a fixed number of proposals that will be supported; that depends on the quality of the proposals received and on available funds.

Q.10 Is there any reference for the budget, like a range of how much it should be, and if the budget should be in Euro or in US dollar?

A.10 You do not need to submit a budget with your proposal. Accepted proposals will receive a total of US\$6,000. This is expected to cover any costs associated with the proposal.

Q.11 My current position is supported by a sponsor that I am required to mention in all my works. In the case that my project application for this call will be successful, is there an issue with acknowledging support from both sources?

A.11 No, that would not be a problem.

Q.12 The call mentions ‘..WIID and its companion datasets...’ What is the meaning of companion datasets?

A.12 The WIID now comes with two companion datasets, ‘wiidcountry’ and ‘wiidglobal’. You can find more information about [these new companion datasets on the website](#), or [in this blog post](#).