Queries and responses on the request for research proposals

Detecting and countering illicit financial flows

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Q.1 Can the funds be transferred to the administering university of the researcher or can they be allocated to the individual researcher?
A.1 The RFRP, proposals from individuals (or groups of individuals) as well as non-profit organizations are welcome. Upon submission there are three submission forms to select from: one for individuals, another for groups of individuals, and a third for non-profit organizations. If the contract is planned to be administered by a non-profit organization/university, the form for non-profit organization should be selected during the submission process.

Q.2 Can more than one proposal be financed?
A.2 Yes, if the quality is sufficient.

Q.3 Is your focus area limited to illicit financial flows or does it also include capital flight?
A.3 Capital flight is outside the focus of this call.

Q.4 Does UNU-WIDER / the UN play any role in facilitating connections with host governments for projects under the IFF call for proposals that make use of administrative data?
A.4 No.

Q.5 I am interested in submitting a proposal related to taxation of Local Governments in India. Is this topic suitable for this call?
A.5 This topic is outside the focus of this call.

Q.6 Do you consider country case studies?
A.6 Yes.

Q.7 Will you consider descriptive studies?
A.7 No. The study should be analytical.

Q.8 Is there a minimum or maximum size for a group of researchers?
A.8 No. But please note that the total research honorarium per selected proposal is in the range of US$10,000 independent of the group size.
Q.9 Do PhD researchers qualify as applicants? If not, what about a joint submission by a PhD researcher and a senior academic?
A.9 Yes, to both questions. Quality is the key.

Q.10 Do randomized controlled trials (RCT) qualify as a methodology?
A.10 Yes

Q.11 What referencing system is preferred?
A.11 We use the Harvard-style in-text referencing rather than footnotes.