Guidelines for Emergency Research Funding

Stanford King Center on Global Development

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Introduction

The Stanford King Center on Global Development is a Stanford University research center working to improve the lives of the world’s poor. We stimulate and support research, inspire students, and collaborate with thought leaders and influencers to make a real-world impact.

The center recognizes that conducting research in low- and middle-income countries is increasingly complex and that in extraordinary cases, faculty may have emergency funding needs for ongoing projects. The center has made limited funds available for this purpose. This document outlines guidelines for accessing these funds.

Purpose

Emergency funding is intended for discrete needs for ongoing projects for which, were it not for an unexpected roadblock, would be fully funded. Emergency funding may be available for the following needs:

- **Bridge funding**: if a funder is delayed in honoring a commitment and a research partner needs a backstop funding confirmation to proceed with work. The expectation is that bridge funding will be returned to the center.
- **Shocks**: if, due to an unexpected change (e.g., a change in government regulations, a new tariff on a key input, etc.), additional funds are needed to complete or proceed with a research project for which all funding was in place, the center can provide limited funding to meet one-time project needs.

Funding is not available through this mechanism for additional or unfunded research needs identified in the course of an ongoing research study, to fund pilot work, or to launch time-sensitive work before funding is secured.

Request process

Please note that the primary applicants must be Stanford faculty members. Please submit a short request for funding via email to kingcenter@stanford.edu.

In your request, please include:

- a brief explanation of the research project and existing funding;
- a description of the emergency need, including a summary of the timeline and events that led to the need;
- an explanation for why this need will not occur again;
• a budget for the funds sought to address the need, as well as a discussion of what other funding is being pursued for this need.

Decisions

Requests will be reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee appointed by the King Center’s Faculty Steering Committee. Committee members who submit a proposal will recuse themselves from discussions of their own submissions.

The King Center’s steering committee will evaluate whether the need could have been reasonably anticipated, the likelihood that the funding sought will fully resolve the need, and the expected research impact of providing the funding.

Funding decisions will be announced within two weeks of request submission.

Contacts

For questions or to discuss whether your situation might qualify for funding under this window, please contact King Center Interim Director Jessica Leino at jleino@stanford.edu.