

Call for Proposals for a new III Research Programme

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The International Inequalities Institute (III) at the London School of Economics and Political Science is a centre for rigorous research into the nature, causes, and consequences of inequality, in its multiple manifestations. Because social, economic, political, and cultural inequalities are inherently intertwined, the Institute welcomes methods and approaches from across the social sciences and encourages interdisciplinary dialogue. Because those inequalities inevitably cut across national boundaries, our work is international in scope. We believe that rigorous research can and should engage with practice and policy, and we seek to promote linkages between theory, empirics, and practice.

Alongside a permanent Global Inequalities Observatory, the Institute hosts a number of [research programmes](#), which typically last for a minimum of three years. Following the successful conclusion of the Cities, Jobs, and Economic Change programme and in anticipation of the conclusion of the Global Economies of Care Programme in the autumn, the Institute invites brief proposals for one new research programme, to start in the Winter Term, 2024.

A successful proposal would:

- Outline a well-designed three-year programme of rigorous research into a relevant, well-defined inequality-related topic, preferably incorporating a gender lens.
- Involve a diverse group of LSE-based academics, ideally drawing on different methodological and disciplinary perspectives.
- Involve relevant scholars and research practitioners external to LSE, where appropriate.
- List only researchers who intend to participate actively and substantively in the programme.
- Outline the proposed objectives, outputs, and expected outcomes of the research programme as specifically as possible – both in terms of its academic contributions and of its intended broader impact on society.
- A brief workplan clearly outlining the nature, timing, and sequencing of the programme's three-year research activities.
- Not exceed 1,500 words (longer proposals will NOT be considered)

If a new Research Programme is selected, it will receive seed annual funding for up to £50,000 for three years from the III, subject to the successful delivery of the plans annually as agreed with the Institute Director. Modest resources to buy out some time of the research programme leader may also be available, subject to discussion and agreement, including of the relevant Head of Department. Before the Research Programme begins its activities, a brief award agreement between the Programme Leader and the Institute will be drawn.

Proposals should be submitted to the Institute Director, Professor Francisco H. G. Ferreira, at f.d.ferreira@lse.ac.uk, with copy to the Institute Manager, Ms Liza Ryan, at e.ryan@lse.ac.uk, by Monday, 2nd October 2023. Decisions on submissions will be made by the III Management / Steering Committees.¹ We expect the selection to take place during the month of October and to be announced in November 2023. The selected Research Programme will officially start work in the Winter Term 2024.

¹ A new Institute Steering Committee, designed to more closely conform to School norms on the governance of institutes at LSE, will replace the current III Management Committee in the autumn. During this transition phase, we expect the Management Committee to consider these proposals and provide advice and recommendations to the Steering Committee, for a final decision.