

Watson Institute Collaborative Research Grants

The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs invites Brown University faculty and researchers to submit proposals to support research projects and initiatives aimed at answering important scholarly or policy questions and building stronger ties between the Institute and other departments and centers at Brown. As one of the country's leading centers for international and public affairs, the Watson Institute focuses on addressing the world's great challenges in the realms of development, governance, and security in ways that are academically rigorous and promote a more just and peaceful world. In order to fulfill this mission, the Institute seeks to partner with and build on the existing strengths of individual faculty and programs across the University. The Institute is especially interested in proposals that bridge academic disciplines and that seek to shape policy debates both in the United States and abroad.

Eligibility

Watson Institute Collaborative Grants are open to all Brown University faculty and members of the research staff.

Funding

Funds must be used to cover expenses related to engaging an analytical or policy-related research question. Funds may not be used to cover salaries or materials.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Application Process and Deadline

Applicants should submit a brief (3-page maximum) proposal describing the project and/or initiative they wish the Watson Institute to support. Proposals should describe how this collaborative project builds on and extends the Institute's core research themes (development, governance, and security) and should also specify what new activities will be supported through this grant that are not currently being funded by other sources. A detailed budget and timeline must be included.

The deadline for applications is December 1, 2016.

A selection committee consisting of Watson Institute faculty will review all proposals and notify applicants of its decisions within 15 days of the application deadline. Funds will be made available shortly thereafter.

Grantees will be asked to submit a short (1-2 page) activity report at the end of the grant period.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to:
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