Funding Proposal Guidelines

The Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center is seeking proposals from Wharton faculty to fund research related to climate and sustainability issues. Faculty proposals may contribute to either the Wharton Risk Center’s Business, Climate, and Environment Lab or Disaster Risk Management Lab. Potential topics to receive funding should align thematically with one of the two labs (additional information on current research priorities is available on the next page and the lab websites).

The grants provide up to $7,500 for research support. Proposals can reflect a broad range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. The funds may be used only for research assistants, summer interns, data collection, surveys, and other direct research expenses.

Award recipients are required to write at least one written product geared for an educated, lay audience based on their research: either a blog post for the Risk Center’s blog, Lab Notes, or a Risk Center issue brief. The Risk Center has research associates who could assist in writing these products. Award recipients will also be invited to join the appropriate research lab as an Affiliated Scholar if they are not already a contributor. We request acknowledgement of the funding support in published research.

Please email proposals to Helen Wiley (hewiley@wharton.upenn.edu) by April 12, 2021.

Selection Process

Awardees will be notified within three weeks after the proposal deadline and an announcement will also be made to external stakeholders by the dates listed below.

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Our Labs and Priority Research Areas

We encourage faculty to visit the lab websites for additional information on current priority topics.

**Business, Climate, and Environment Lab** – The BCE Lab supports cutting edge research to design smart public and private sector policies related to topics such as climate change, renewable energy, air and water pollution, waste disposal, biodiversity, and deforestation. Current priority areas include:

- Climate Change and Financial/Market/Credit Risk
- Energy and Environmental Markets
- Decarbonizing the Transportation Sector
- Green Growth
- Building Climate Resilience
- Climate and Environmental Ethics / Environmental Justice

**Disaster Risk Management Lab** – In the face of escalating losses from natural and man-made hazards, the DRM Lab undertakes research on risk financing and risk reduction strategies. Current priority areas include:

- Managing the Physical Impacts of Climate Change
- Linking Risk Reduction and Risk Transfer
- Closing the Disaster Insurance Gap
- Improving Post-Disaster Aid Programs and Credit Markets
- Nature-Based Solutions

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should be no more than 3 pages in length and should include the following information:

1. **Contact Information**
   - Provide name, title, and e-mail address for all individuals submitting the proposal
   - Abstract of 100 words or less about your project that can be shared externally

2. **Objectives and Goals**
   - What are the main objectives and goals of the proposed research?
   - How will this project expand climate and sustainability research at Wharton?

3. **Project Description**
   - Research question
   - Methods and planned outputs
   - Timeline for research

4. **Budget**
   - Provide a budget and budget justification for the funds you are seeking
   - Include a description of other current sources of funding for this research

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