Northwestern University

Peter G. Peterson Foundation Pandemic Response Policy Research Fund

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS – ROUND 2

Application due date: October 15, 2021

Award budget: Small - up to $50,000
                Large - up to $150,000

Award period: 12 or 18 months

Purpose
The Peter G. Peterson Foundation Pandemic Response Policy Research Fund was established with a $1 million grant from the Foundation. The purpose of the funding is to advance understanding of effective policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and improve future preparedness through support for Northwestern University’s pioneering and interdisciplinary research on the U.S. economy and healthcare system. Please note, the primary focus of the Foundation and its affiliated Center on Healthcare is on the US economy and the role of healthcare quality and cost in that economy.

Research projects
Projects are limited to the following topics:

- Assessing and tracking differences in performance and effectiveness of state-level responses to the COVID-19 pandemic including tracking impacts and outcomes
- Modelling the short- and medium-term economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the policies used to address it
- Developing actionable policies to prepare for and mitigate the impact of future pandemics on the future health and social and economic wellbeing of communities
- Adapting lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic to improve effectiveness, value, and resilience in healthcare delivery systems
- Understanding changes to the healthcare delivery system that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic that improve healthcare performance and value, and could be continued going forward (e.g. telemedicine)
• Other similar, relevant topics as recommended by the University and approved by the Foundation

**Eligibility**
The PI must hold a faculty position at Northwestern University. All faculty tracks are eligible.

**Application Preparation**
A complete application should include the following components, in single-spaced text, 12-point font, 1-inch margins:

1. **Cover Page** (one page max)
   a. Proposal Title
   b. Principal investigator: Name, Rank, Department, School, Email, Phone
   c. Indicate whether you are applying for a small or large award
   d. Indicate what award period you are applying for
   e. Table of Key Personnel: Name, Rank, Department, School

2. **Lay Summary** (0.5-page max) that clearly articulates the proposal to colleagues outside the field

3. **Program Description** (5 pages max for sections a-e)
   a. *Objectives*; must include potential national/international/societal impact
   b. *Significance and contribution*
   c. *Research Plan*; must include description of data and methods
   d. *Project organization*; must include description of collaborators
   e. *Timeline*

4. **Detailed budget** using this Excel [budget template](#). No sub-awards are allowed.

5. **Narrative budget justification**

6. **Biosketches**; 4 pages max for each participating faculty member

**Application Submission**
1. Prepare a single pdf file named as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-Peterson-Round2 2021”, replacing “LastName” with your last name, “FirstInitial” with your first initial
2. Submit your application by completing this [web form](#).
3. To receive a confirmation email and copy of your submission, check the box (“send me a copy of my responses”) and enter your email address
4. Click “Submit”

**Application Review**
Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee of faculty leaders representing
a diversity of disciplines, experience, and backgrounds. The committee will evaluate the proposals through a rigorous selection process and make recommendations to the Vice President for Research.

Primary selection criteria include:

- Potential to increase knowledge, understanding, and development of actionable solutions to prepare for and address medium- and longer-term impacts of COVID and future pandemics and crises in the United States
- Topics having broad near-term policy relevance for the US economic and fiscal outlook
- Quality of research plan - including a brief communicating and disseminating findings to target audiences, with appropriate metrics to evaluate progress
- Ability to complete work on given timeline
- Fit with Peterson’s mission in terms of addressing America’s long-term fiscal and economic challenges and improving the quality and lowering the cost of healthcare
- Quality & diversity of research team, including interdisciplinary collaboration within and across departments and diversity and inclusiveness of both the project staffs and the affected communities researched
- Appropriateness of the budget

Notification
Awardees will be notified on the outcome by mid-November.

Reporting
Awardees are required to submit semi-annual progress reports.

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