**Exploratory Research Grant Proposal Template**

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| *Please be sure to include the following headings in your research proposal. Where specific details are required, guidance has been provided. However, your application should not be* *limited to these points.* |

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| Principal Investigator(s): |
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| Project Title: |
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| Contact Details of the Principle Investigator (Address/Telephone Number/Email): |
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| Co-Funder(s): |
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1. **INTRODUCTION**

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| *Please describe your research question and approach following the structure outlined below:*  *a. Introduction of the research question*  *b. Links to existing literature: successful applications will contain references to recent work on the question of interest and clearly explain how the proposed research will link to previous work. The contribution that the proposed project will make to the existing body of literature will be an important criterion in the selection process. Please do not exceed 1-2 paragraphs for this sub-section.*  *c. Introduce the methodology you will use to address the research question. For most projects this should introduce your dependent and explanatory variables and briefly outline the research method to be used to study the relationship between these variables: e.g. longitudinal data, experimental data, etc. If the data will be collected via a field experiment, you should briefly introduce the experiment here – however you should reserve the discussion of the design of the experiment and sample size for section 2. If the main contribution of your project will be obtaining or creating a new dataset that will be valuable to you and to other researchers, please outline the main steps that creating this dataset will entail.*  *d. Please outline how the proposed research fits with the PEDL initiative (see PEDL themes)* |

1. **METHODOLOGY**

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| *Please describe the methodology you will use to address the research question in greater detail here. For most projects, this section should include the main regression specification(s) that your study will aim to rigorously estimate and explain how you intend to deal with any potential specification or data issues (reverse causality, selection bias, measurement error, etc.). Please indicate the sample size and include power calculations here. Finally, this section of the proposal should also include a description of the data sets to be generated, and how those data sets will be made available to other researchers.*  *If your project focuses on the construction of new datasets, please explain the sources of the data you plan to use, how you will obtain access to these data, as well as how the data will be made available to other researchers.* |

1. **POLICY RELEVANCE AND CROSS-CUTTING THEMES**

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| *If there is a policy dimension to your project and/or it addresses one of the cross-cutting themes, please explain here.*  *If you are applying to a call that is partly or fully funded by CDC, please also describe how your research will be directly relevant to CDC as well.* |

1. **BUDGET NARRATIVE**

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| *Explain how the budget will be utilised and give a detailed description and justification against each of the direct expenditure line items listed in the budget template, complete with a clear breakdown of each item. Please refer to the* [*budget guidelines*](https://pedl.cepr.org/sites/default/files/PEDL%20ERG%20Budget%20Guidelines_2019-2023_0.pdf) *for further advice.* |

1. **LIST OF REFERENCES CITED**

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| *Please list a bibliography of the references you have cited in your proposal.* |

1. **TIMELINE AND OUTPUTS**

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| *Please include a timeline for the project and the outputs you expect to produce.* |

1. **APPENDIX**