

Stream A: FPA Research Initiation Grant (Spring 2024)

FPA Research Initiation Grants provide up to \$3,000 in research funding to full-time professorial rank tenured faculty in the Faculty of Public Affairs¹, who have (i) not held significant external research funding as Principal Investigator within the past three years and (ii) can demonstrate how the proposed project represents a significant departure from their previous and ongoing research.

The FPA Research Initiation Grant stream is open for submissions twice a year (November and March). Applications should be submitted via the [online form](#) on the FPA website. Applications require:

- an updated CV (any format)
- a proposal of up to 3 pages that includes: i) a description of anticipated research activities over the next 12 months, ii) a plan for building out a broader research program over the next three years and iii) a justification for how the proposed research represents a significant departure from their previous and ongoing research (only if the applicant has held external research funding within the last three years); and
- a budget describing how the requested research funds would be spent.

Travel costs are only eligible for conducting field research; the Grant does not fund travel for conferences or similar knowledge mobilization activities. Faculty remain eligible to apply to the existing FPA research conference travel fund. This grant is not intended to replicate other internal funding available, such as research projects nearing completion (the FPA Research Completion Grant), or course release (FPA Research Time Award). Projects or expenses that meet the objectives of these programs will not be considered for this grant.

Applicants are encouraged in their applications to identify other appropriate internal and/or external sources of funding to support their project both during and after the period of the Grant.

COVID-19 Impact

FPA is aware of the continuing long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the professional and personal lives of our faculty members. Faculty members are encouraged to provide a statement of up to 250 words with their FPA Research Initiation Grant applications outlining how the pandemic impacted their capacity to carry out research and how this should be taken into account during the adjudication of the application. The applicant should not feel the need to provide any confidential or personal information.

A recipient is eligible for a future Research Initiation Grant 24 months after previously receiving the Grant. This must be for an entirely new research project. The Grant is not intended to provide ongoing funding to the same project.

A faculty member can only hold one Research Initiation Grant at a time. While a faculty member may work on an Initiation Grant research project with one or more co-authors, only one grant will be awarded for a single project.

¹ The faculty member must hold a combined 50% or greater appointment in a FPA unit