LEAP STUDENT GRANTS

Call for Proposals

LEAP invite applications to the 2023/2024 call for proposals for **LEAP Student Grants (LSG).**

We are accepting proposals for innovative ideas from students to support well-designed projects or pilot initiatives in the field of poverty reduction and development economics. Through this initiative, LEAP aims at supporting promising students, investing in their projects and equipping them with the tools, knowledge and skills needed to become the economists of tomorrow.

LSG requests are allowed with a maximum budget of **4,000€** and will need to be spent within 24 months from the award.

Eligibility

- Students must be currently enrolled in a MSc or PhD programme. Please note that budget guidelines are different between Bocconi and non-Bocconi applicants, as detailed in the next section
- We fund innovative studies in the field of poverty reduction and Development Economics. We welcome proposals to cover costs for data acquisition (i.e., fieldwork)
- Funds will be based and managed at Bocconi University. Subcontracting arrangements will be also entirely managed by Bocconi University.

Budget Guidelines

The budget will ideally cover the data acquisition costs for your novel research project. Subcontracting costs are allowed and they are subject to VAT rules (automatically calculated in the Excel template). The allowed costs depend on whether the applicant is a Bocconi student or not:

Item	Bocconi Applicant	External Applicant
Travel costs (airfare, accommodation, subsistence)	Allowed	Not Allowed
Cost for fieldwork activities or data acquisition (incentives, materials, purchase of external datasets, etc)	Allowed	Allowed
Subcontracting costs (i.e., survey firm) including Italian VAT (22%)	Allowed	Allowed

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Salaries for field personnel hired directly (i.e., enumerators, digitizers, other research staff not sub-contracted to a survey firm)	Allowed	Allowed

How to apply

Please submit the following application documents via email at leap@unibocconi.it with the subject "LSG 2024 – Name Surname". Please include:

1. **Research proposal** – Only proposals following the official template will be considered. Projects will be evaluated on:
   a. The quality of the proposed methodology
   b. Relevance and novelty of the research question
   c. Clear and realistic project timeline and details on relevant milestones
   d. Effective and will-justified budget
2. **Curriculum vitae (CV)** of the applicants, saved with the file name "CV_Surname_Name."
3. **Detailed Budget** – Following the Excel template provided

The deadline for applications will be on **Friday, 27th October** at 23.59pm CEST. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Contact

For any questions or clarifications on this call, please reach out to leap@unibocconi.it