



First Call for Research Proposals

RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT

2020 RASTA Competitive Grants Program for Policy-Oriented Research

The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) has launched a multi-year competitive grants program for policy-oriented research in Pakistan titled '*Research for Social Transformation and Advancement*' (RASTA) under the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, the Government of Pakistan. RASTA's mission is to develop a research network of academia, think tanks, policymakers, practitioners and other stakeholders across Pakistan producing high-quality, evidence-based policy research to inform Pakistan's public policy process.

In the opening round of RASTA, research proposals are invited on the following diverse set of themes allowing maximum leeway in proposing projects:

- Growth and Development
- Market and Regulations
- Cities Governance and Development
- Persisting Energy Problems of Pakistan
- Governance, Public Policy Making, and Aid Dependence

All updates will be published on PIDE/RASTA website from time to time. The deadline for applications submission is **November 20, 2020** by midnight Pakistan Standard Time (PST). In pre-submission engagements, two RASTA Webinars (Wednesday 28th October & Wednesday 11th November) and a RASTA Workshop (Wednesday 4th November) are scheduled to guide potential applicants. For more details and guidelines related to RASTA program, eligibility, application process, and updates, please visit PIDE/RASTA website and follow us on Twitter.

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