

Economics Letter of Inquiry Checklist

Thank you for your interest in the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Economics research program. We welcome Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) from researchers with a potential interest in submitting an official grant proposal within the next eighteen months. A well-written LOI will help the Economics research program staff effectively assess the quality of fit between the proposed research plan and the program's research priorities.

While the LOI is a preliminary introduction of a project plan, designed to begin the process of submitting a grant proposal that can be iteratively improved upon through coordination between researchers and Sloan Economics research program staff; carefully following the guidelines below will help ensure that letters of inquiry can be evaluated and responded to in an efficient, timely manner.

LOI Submission Checklist:

- The LOI complies with the Sloan Foundation's [content guidelines](#)
- The LOI does not exceed 2 pages, though links to supplementary material are welcome
- The research plan satisfies [these criteria](#)
- The research plan specifies one or more of the Economics program's [research priorities](#) with which it aligns
- The LOI names the institution that would be responsible for receiving and administering any grant made
- The LOI includes the following:
 - Total rough estimate of the budget request, including indirect costs
 - Time duration estimate and preferred start date or other timing considerations

Please also indicate where there is flexibility in those numbers.

Additional Notes

Not all research by economists is limited to funding from Sloan's Economics research program. Other Sloan programs that might be of interest to researchers in certain economics fields include the [Energy & Environment](#), [Technology](#), and [Higher Education](#) research programs.

If you have any questions, please send an email to economics@sloan.org