

**Inter-American Development Bank – Rutgers University  
Call for Research Proposals to contribute to the construction of a:**

***Comprehensive Penitentiary Management Model for Health and Humanitarian Crises  
Response in Latin America and the Caribbean Prisons as a Regional Public Good***

## **Who can submit proposals?**

This call is open to natural persons, nationals of [IDB member countries](#), individual researchers or part of research groups affiliated with government institutions or civil society entities (universities, NGOs, think tanks, etc.) (the “Researchers” and individually, the “Researcher”). Researchers are required to have at least an accredited specialization or master's degree, and at least two years of work in institutional management or social research accredited through publications or institutional certifications.

## **What should the proposal include?**

**Local context and specific research objectives.** The proposal must specify the local context of the country or countries under study, the specific topic on which the research will focus, as well as the main research questions.

**Review of relevant academic and institutional literature.** The proposal must specify the knowledge gaps it intends to address, as well as the way in which the study is contributing to closing the knowledge gaps.

**Methodology for the analysis of IDB surveys.** Research proposals must explicitly develop the following aspects as part of their analysis plan without prejudice to what the investigator(s) consider pertinent:

**[Link to Annex 1. Database variables and observations](#)**

- i. Statistically characterize the prison population in sociodemographic terms in a country/group of countries according to the data from the IDB surveys that are part of this call, or more up-to-date relevant data if available.
- ii. Link this descriptive analysis with the academic/institutional literature with a view to specifying a specific prison management problem or an opportunity for intervention.
- iii. Identify how these analyzes and their corresponding results make a valuable contribution to the available literature about the project.
- iv. Specify the use of information sources for this research. The use of microdata from prison surveys financed by the IDB will be privileged for the selection of Researchers.
- v. Propose public policy recommendations to improve the prison management challenge or to develop the proposed intervention.

**Identification of other primary or secondary sources.** Researchers applying are expected to:

- i. Combine information from the analysis of IDB surveys and other primary or secondary information sources to concretely describe a specific prison policy challenge through the characterization of its target population and institutional context; and/or,
- ii. Use IDB surveys and other primary or secondary sources of information to project new intervention programs or service provision inside or outside prisons.

**Work plan.** The research proposals must include a work plan that has a list of the activities planned for the implementation of the proposed research.

**Timeline.** Research proposals must include a timeline indicating the activities to be carried out in the context of the research work plan. The investigation must be completed in a maximum of 2.5 months.

**Dates.** Proposals and all attached documents must be sent in the same file to the email: [barbarace@iadb.org](mailto:barbarace@iadb.org). The reception of proposals will be open until May 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (EST time).

**Annex 1: Curriculum vitae**

## Proposal form

- This application should not exceed 8 pages (excluding attachments).
- The format of this form must be respected and filled in without making any changes (rows cannot be deleted from the different tables, or modify their order, etc.).
- Any error or omission in this form may cause the delay or, directly, the disqualification of this application.
- Proposals and attached documents can be submitted in PDF or Word format using the form attached to the call as a basis. Proposals in Spanish and English will be accepted.
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### 1. Information of Researcher

<b>Name of Researcher</b>	
<b>Country of residence</b>	
<b>Contact information</b>	

### 2. Research proposal

<b>Name of research proposal</b>	<i>[Tentative title of the acceptable research paper/proposal.]</i>
<b>Subject are</b>	<i>[Marque la casilla correspondiente.]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Characterization of risk and needs for vulnerable populations <input type="checkbox"/> Access for inmates to legal and health services <input type="checkbox"/> Prison conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Social and criminal trajectories <input type="checkbox"/> Educational and vocational programs for rehabilitation and with community inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Support for mental health programs and services <input type="checkbox"/> Training of prison staff and career service <input type="checkbox"/> Alternatives to incarceration and restorative justice processes <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>Target population</b>	<i>[Check all that apply.]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+ people <input type="checkbox"/> Prison staff <input type="checkbox"/> Youth

	<input type="checkbox"/> Migrants
<b>Country or countries of focus</b>	
<b>Objective and research question</b> (max 200 words)	<i>[Describe the objective and research problem that the proposal intends to address.]</i> <i>[How this research proposal is relevant to public policy.]</i>
<b>Innovation</b> (max 300 words)	<i>[Explain the innovation that the research proposes to address the problem.]</i> <i>[What is known about the topic in general and specifically in the Latin American and Caribbean region?]</i> <i>[What are the knowledge gaps that this study aims to address?]</i>
<b>Local context and specific research objectives</b> (max 500 words)	<i>[Specify the local context of the country or countries under study, the specific topic on which the research will focus, as well as the main research questions.]</i>
<b>Review of relevant academic and institutional literature</b> (max 500 words)	<i>[Specify the knowledge gaps you intend to address, as well as how the study is contributing to closing the knowledge gaps.]</i>
<b>Type of research</b>	<i>[Check all that apply.]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental/quasi-experimental evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>Methodology for the analysis of IDB surveys</b> (max 500 words)	<i>[Specify which will be the methodology that is intended to be used to carry out the proposed research, what is the analysis plan and if limitations have been identified in the research.]</i> <i>[Specify which will be the sources of information that will be used for the proposed research.]</i>
<b>Identification of other primary or secondary sources</b>	<i>[Provide a list of required IDB survey data (variables).]</i> <i>[Provide a detailed description of the data source(s) to be used, literature on prison populations and prison management at the local and/or regional level.]</i> <i>[Indicate the access plan to this information, particularly in the case of restricted data use.]</i>
<b>Work plan</b>	<i>[Prepare a list of planned activities for the implementation of the proposed research]</i>

<b>Timeline</b>	<i>[Prepare a timeline that indicates the activities that will be carried out in the context of the research work plan in a period of maximum 2.5 months.]</i>