

Research & Policy Teams

Fall 2020 Request for Proposals

Roadmap

- Overview of program
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Our mission

The mission of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research is to convene researchers and practitioners from various disciplines to figure out novel and practical ways to understand, explain, and solve seemingly intractable problems of racial inequity and injustice. We foster exhaustive racial research, research-based policy innovation, data-driven educational and advocacy campaigns, and narrative-change initiatives. We are working toward building an antiracist society that ensures equity and justice for all.



R&P Teams

An Overview

A multidisciplinary, multisector team who will:

Study a critical racial inequity

Identify policies that lead to this inequity

Develop policy correctives

Narrate the problems and solutions

Organize a campaign for change

Research & Policy Teams

Philanthropy + BU Faculty Researchers +

Policy Experts + Journalists +

Artists + Advocates + Policymakers



Expectations & Deliverables

1. All faculty team members apply to Center Affiliates Program
2. Quarterly update meetings with Center Research Directors and PIs
3. Academic research
 - a. White paper to be published from the Center's Racial Data Lab
 - b. Academic journal submission(s)
4. Project-based course proposals
 - a. A course in whole or in part that works on the Team's project
 - b. Directed studies (graduate or undergraduate)
5. Policy reform advocacy plan

COVID-19

Racial and ethnic disparities in
COVID-19 infections, testing,
hospitalizations, and/or deaths

Research and policy teams that will
describe and/or explain racial and
ethnic disparities using or
advancing data from the COVID
Racial Data Tracker.

We've asked every state to report complete race and ethnicity data. Our Racial Data Dashboard has the latest.

States and territories reporting race and ethnicity data

50 states/territories

Reporting positive cases

49 states/territories

Reporting deaths

[See the dashboard](#) →

[Get the complete dataset \(CSV\)](#) →

[Learn more about the tracker](#) →



COVID-19

Racial and ethnic disparities in
economic precarity during the
pandemic

Research and policy teams that will
describe and/or explain racial and
ethnic disparities in economic
precarity during the COVID-19
pandemic.

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- Connection to antiracism and the Center's mission
- Proposed team members
- Proposed integration of research project into courses
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Our rapid response to COVID-19 means there may not enough time to suggest a journalist, artist, policy expert, and advocate as part of the R&P team as would normally be required.

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Proposed policy, communications, and advocacy strategy

Propose how **policy recommendations** could come out of the research, as well as a **communications and advocacy strategy**, and the **potential impact** of the project, both in the policy realm and within academia.

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We **will** provide support for:

- Data/data collection
- Student research assistance
- Dissemination
- Consultants/contractors
- Faculty PI summary salary or equivalent
- Fringe

Will **not** provide support for:

- Faculty salary that exceeds summer or equivalent (11.11%)
- Course buyouts
- Indirect costs (F&A)

Application Submission

Submit the entire proposal as a single PDF to simes@bu.edu by August 31, 5PM ET.

Deadline: August 31, 5PM ET

Format: Single PDF

Package:

- Name and contact information of all team members
- Current CV of PI (lead or corresponding author)
- Proposal (5 page max)

Submission: Email to simes@bu.edu

FAQ

- Our RFP website has been updated to include an FAQ:

<https://www.bu.edu/antiracism-center/research/rfp/>

Questions?