

## McCourt Institute

# Call for Expressions of Interest

**Deadline: April 28th, 2023**

### BACKGROUND AND GOALS

Sciences Po and the McCourt Institute have agreed on a partnership to promote research in social sciences pertaining to the use and development of new technologies for the common good & internet governance. This partnership includes funding of new research carried out by Sciences Po. The research should aim at producing both scientific and social impact beyond academic circles, contributing to developing new insights relevant for addressing political, economic, and social challenges arising due to rapid development of digital technologies.

Within this framework of cooperation, Sciences Po and the McCourt Institute are launching a new call for expressions of interest that aims at providing funding for high-impact research.

### GRANT CONDITIONS

The applications for funding should be submitted by April 28, 2023. Applicants can use the recommended application form as framework for submission (please find the form below).

The research projects conducted and funded within the framework of the McCourt Institute will be selected by a steering committee, organized at Sciences Po, composed of representatives from Sciences Po and the McCourt Institute.

Projects must meet the following requirements:

- The project investigation should be related to one of the following topics: **governance of new digital technology, internet, social media, digital identity, blockchain, metaverses, artificial intelligence, and decentralised autonomous organizations.**
- The projects should be novel, i.e. not already in progress. The committee will also consider the projects' potential for co-funding.
- They should describe their impact on societies' and governments' ability to meet the challenges of digital transition.
- The **projects' teams should include at least one Sciences Po permanent Faculty member.** The Principal Investigators can be either members of Sciences Po's permanent faculty or other researchers affiliated with Sciences Po.
- The **projects' teams can include researchers outside Sciences Po faculty and/or create collaboration with researchers of the network of institutions that cooperate with the Institute, including, but not limited to, Georgetown University as well as researchers outside of the existing network (e.g. researchers involved in NGOs conducting research).**

- The research projects can have an impact with NGOs or government entities/agencies, with the goal of pioneering innovative solutions that support one or more of the key topics above.
- The projects that are interdisciplinary are encouraged.
- The projects can last for up to three years.
- Wages and salaries for visiting researchers, doctoral students, post-doc, research assistants, and temporary staff are eligible. Recruitment of relevant personnel should follow the relevant procedures at Sciences Po.
- Students' work and training are also eligible insofar as it contributes to dissemination activities.
- The project will be managed by the administrative staff of an ex-ante identified research center at Sciences Po.

## DELIVERABLES

Researchers whose projects will be selected for funding will be invited to participate to McCourt Institute's activities, such as events, panels and to collaborate on policy briefs, presentations before general public. McCourt Institute will cooperate with project researchers on valorisation and promotion of their research work.

Research teams will be invited to regular meetings (in accordance with the progress of their research) with SciencesPo and the McCourt Institute.

## APPLICATION FORM (EXAMPLE)

**Project Title :**

**Duration in months:**

**Project investigators and research center(s) involved :**

*Indicate in particular the center for the management of funds*

**Description of the project :**

*Describe the State of the Art, objectives, characterization (3 pages max)*

**A description of the research topic to be investigated, including objectives, expected scientific outcomes and feasibility:**

**A summary of the potential applications of the project.**

*Describe the scientific productions or events to which the project will lead (papers; policy briefs; conferences; etc.) (maximum one page)*

**Bibliography:**

*(One page max)*

**Desired resources:**

The project's budget listing standard items (human resources including % of involvement time from the PI, other costs, etc ) and a summary of how funds would be used. Please note that the Committee may decide to approve projects under the condition to revise the budget.

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***Proposal shouldn't exceed 7 pages***

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

**Applications should be submitted before April 28, 2023.**

Please sent the letter of intent in a single file PDF to  
[inga.chelyadina@sciencespo.fr](mailto:inga.chelyadina@sciencespo.fr)

The steering committee will inform all the applicants of its decisions by June 2023. The successful candidates can expect funding to start from July 2023.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Inga Chelyadina, Sciences Po - McCourt Institute Liaison Officer ([inga.chelyadina@sciencespo.fr](mailto:inga.chelyadina@sciencespo.fr)).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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