



Research Grant Pre-Proposals Submission Guidelines

The Marketing Science Institute funds high-quality research submitted through our Pre-proposal and Proposal Process. If you are interested in submitting a Pre-proposal for consideration, please submit your research proposal in the following format.

Pre-proposals are encouraged to draw upon diverse theoretical perspectives and methodologies. Studies may be conceptual or empirical; and they may involve combinations of methodological approaches including literature reviews, comparative studies, observational and ethnographic studies, naturalistic, laboratory, or field experiments, econometric models, and so forth. Projects using multiple methodologies are especially welcomed. Researchers are encouraged to identify industry collaborators.

Please submit the following documents:

1. Pre-proposal Title Page (see below)
2. Pre-proposal Main Document (see below)
3. Vita(e) of each of the researchers

The pre-proposal main document should follow this format:

- **Title:** Title of Research
- **Researchers:** Name, affiliation and contact information for all researchers
- **Abstract and Key Words:** Max 500 word project description, and key words
- **Statement of Intended Contribution to Practice:** A clear, concise statement of how the proposed research would provide a novel and interesting contribution to practice and what marketing managers might do differently as a result of the research findings.
- **Fit with MSI's Research Priorities (if applicable):** We especially encourage research pre-proposals that fit with MSI's current Research Priorities – we are also open to additional research topics that significantly advance marketing knowledge and practice.
- **Motivation and Research Question(s):** A statement of the specific research question(s) that will be addressed, why they are important and interesting, and what the researchers expect to learn from answering these questions.
- **Brief Description of the Research Design and Methodology:** Study design, data sources/collection procedures, experiments to be run (if applicable), modeling techniques to be used (if applicable), and any other relevant details.
- **Overall Funding and Support Needs:** A brief description of the budget for the project including specific budget items and amounts (typically between \$3,000 and \$10,000).
- Pre-proposals main documents should not exceed 1,200 words.
- References do not count toward the word count.