

## ISBNPA LMIC scholarship proposal

### Purpose

- To provide funding to conduct formative or pilot research, or for an existing study where funds are insufficient to complete the study such that the results can be disseminated; and to present study findings at an ISBNPA conference.

### Who is eligible?

- Early career researchers should be up to 5 years post-PhD. Mid-career researchers should be 5-15 years post-PhD.
- Consideration may be given to PhD students in their final year of PhD, but this would need to be strongly motivated.
- Applicants should be living and working in, and **funded by** an institution or organisation in a low- or middle-income country; or may be living and working in a high-income country but **funded by** an institution or organisation in a low- or middle-income country (as recognised by the World Bank).
- Each early career applicant should identify a mid-career (5-15 years post PhD) or senior researcher (+15 years post PhD) who is willing to act as a mentor for their project. Mid-career applicants should identify a senior researcher as a mentor for their project. It would be preferable for the mentor to be a member of ISBNPA, and for them to reside in the same country as the applicant. A strong motivation would need to be made for a mentor to be outside the applicant's country.
- Applicants may be eligible for funding no more than once every three years.

### Amount?

- US\$1500 research grant + US\$1500 conference travel scholarship + free conference registration + registration to the NESI pre-conference workshop (if applicant is an early career researcher)

### What the funding can be used for:

- Actual research costs (e.g. transport for data collection, fieldworker costs, equipment, materials and supplies for data collection).
- Funding contribution for the time of an early career researcher (Masters or PhD student) to complete a specific research task (e.g. collect data, complete data analysis). This could be used as contributions towards the salary of a postdoctoral fellow (which may be the applicant, or may be someone other than the applicant), provided that it is for the completion of a specific research task.

### What the funding cannot be used for:

- Salary contribution for a mid-career or senior researcher
- Institutional costs (e.g. university research levies)

### Timeline and procedure

- Call for funding applications – October 2018
- Deadline for funding applications – November 30 2018
- Decision on funding applications communicated – January 2019

- Successful applicants will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with ISBNPA – January 2019
- Funding awarded (only once MoA signed) – Early February 2019
- Complete data collection – Early June 2019
- Complete data analysis – July 2019
- Submit abstract draft to mentor and ISBNPA representative – September 2019
- Submit abstract (for the 2020 ISBNPA Annual Meeting) – November / December 2019
- Funding paid in 2 installments (50% on signature, 50% on presentation at the 2020 ISBNPA Annual Meeting), preferably via a PayPal account.
- Reports will be expected in Early June 2019, July 2019, September 2019 and December 2019

**What if deadlines are not met?**

- A motivation for extending deadline/s should be submitted to the ISBNPA selection committee.
- If 2 deadlines are not met, ISBNPA reserves the right to not pay further installments, and to withdraw the offer of funding to attend the ISBNPA conference.