PREDOC is currently seeking proposals for the PREDOC RA award program. The PREDOC RA award program provides awards to faculty, researchers, post-doctoral scholars, and doctoral candidates at institutions of higher education and research to hire RA support for a project in the quantitative social sciences. The program supports the hiring and mentoring of undergraduate RAs at institutions outside their home institution.

The PREDOC RA award program is open to research proposals for projects in the quantitative social sciences and welcomes proposals that:

1. include clear deliverables that the undergraduate RA will meaningfully contribute to;
2. integrate mentorship in the RA experience;
3. will deepen the RA’s understanding of research in the quantitative social sciences.

**Applicant Eligibility**
The PREDOC RA award program awards to faculty, researchers, post-doctoral scholars, and doctoral candidates at institutions of higher education and research. Proposals are encouraged from the full range of quantitative social science research fields, including, but not limited to, accounting, behavioral science, economics, econometrics and statistics, finance, management and operations, marketing, and organizational behavior. Applicants for this 15-week, non-renewable award must have entered PhD candidacy at the start of the award in Fall 2022. Underrepresented racial and ethnic minority researchers, as well as women, individual with disabilities, and veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Research Award**
Awards for the PREDOC RA award program are up to $4,000 for a maximum of 15 weeks of RA support. Fringe costs associated with RA salary can be charged to the award.

In addition to funding, awardees will be paired with a PREDOC director who will monitor RA progress and potentially advise on RA mentorship.

**Project Dates**
PREDOC is flexible on research project start dates, depending on what is best for the applicant. The earliest an award may start is approximately one month following the application deadline. Alternatively, and award may start several months after the application deadline, though the RA-ship should be completed in the same academic year the award was awarded in.

**Evaluation Criteria**
Evaluation criteria include a clear contribution and mentorship plan for the RA and the relevance of the quantitative social sciences in the project.

**Reporting Requirements**
Awardees will be required to submit a brief (1–2 pages) progress report midway through the award period. A final report (2–3 pages) will be submitted at the end of the award period. The final report consists of the deliverables completed by the RA, the mentorship activities the awardee and RA completed, and the awardee’s assessments of next steps for the RA as a researcher in the quantitative social sciences. All reporting requirements and deadlines are outlined in the award letter.
Funding Disbursement
Funding will linked to the approval of the progress report and final report. Awardees will receive one-half of the total award at the beginning of the award period, one-quarter upon approval of the progress report, and one-quarter upon approval of the final report. Awards are awarded through the awardee’s institution.

Application Deadline
All applications for the PREDOC RA award program must be completed using the PREDOC online application portal. An applicant may submit no more than two proposals to the PREDOC RA award program for review during any one application period. Please submit all applications by December 20, 2022.

Submission Information
Please enter the background information requested in the proposal submission portal. This includes the principal investigator’s contact and background demographic information. Also, enter the proposal title and the start and end dates of the project.

Current other support
If you currently have support from other sources (foundations, government agencies, institutions, etc.), include a list of any awards or fellowships that the PI and Co-PI(s) have been awarded. Include the name of the funding organization, title of project, dates of project, and amount awarded; otherwise enter NONE.

Further Questions
Contact Charlene Selle (csele@mit.edu) if you have questions regarding the application or submission process.

Submission and deadline
Submit your application via the online portal by December 20 at 11:59 p.m.