

IOM Research Partners Panel Call for Expressions of Interest

As the UN Migration Agency, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) undertakes research to inform migration policy and practice. IOM may conduct research on its own, and/or in collaboration with other researchers and institutions, and/or commission other researchers and institutions to conduct research on its behalf.

The [Migration Research Division](#) is based at IOM Headquarters within the Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships and has the institutional responsibility for supporting the conduct and management of applied research on salient migration topics. Research is designed to enhance IOM's programme delivery and contribute to a broader understanding of migration patterns and processes, as well as the links between migration research and migration policy and practice. Research also feeds directly into IOM's role as a publisher of applied research findings, including through IOM's flagship publication, the World Migration Report, papers published in the Migration Research Series, and IOM Migration Profiles.

IOM's Migration Research Division frequently collaborates with academic and applied researchers in universities, research institutions and other organizations throughout the world to conduct and support this type of research. These [collaborations](#) not only allow IOM to benefit from the diverse knowledge and expertise of various applied researchers and scholars, but also enable the organization to reach a global audience. These partnerships are also key to supporting migration research from all over the world, including contexts that are traditionally 'under-researched'.

The Division's research outputs are translated into several languages and made accessible through IOM's [online bookstore](#) to as many audiences as possible around the world. The bookstore also provides a free download of over 2,000 IOM publications.

This call for *Expression of Interest* is being issued to identify research institutions that may be interested in consulting with IOM on migration research projects. Selected institutions will be registered in IOM's *Research Partners Panel*, which will be made available to all IOM Regional and Country offices as a valuable information resource.

To whom is this call addressed?

This Call for Expression of Interest is relevant to research institutes, centers, programmes and think tanks that are working on migration research, and with demonstrable expertise in one or more thematic areas below:

- Migration data, trends and statistics;

- Drivers of migration;
- Migration and development;
- Irregular migration;
- Migrant smuggling and human trafficking;
- Labour migration;
- Diaspora;
- Remittances;
- Migrant integration;
- Return migration and reintegration;
- Public perceptions of migration;
- Displacement and forced migration.
- Migration and health
- Children in migration
- Family migration
- Migrant rights
- Migration policy & Law

How can interested institutions respond to this call?

Interested institutions may respond to this call by filling in the form available in the address below

https://iom.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d0NqYBglo0JV6m

The form contains basic information about the institution and its principal researchers, such as specializations, CVs, contact information and a list of referees.

What happens after information has been sent to IOM?

IOM will evaluate whether an institution holds competences and expertise that may be potentially useful for IOM research activities. The information provided will be verified by IOM, and referees may be contacted. If the institution is accepted for inclusion on the panel, it will be notified of its registration and of the registration number corresponding to its file in the Panel. There should be no conflict of interest between the institution to which the candidate is affiliated to and IOM.

Does registration in the panel automatically lead to assignment of consultancies?

No. Registration on the panel does not constitute engagement on IOM's part for future cooperation. IOM is not required to use those on the panel, nor are panel members obliged to work with IOM. The contractual engagement of researchers is ultimately a decision for a specific IOM office or department, the role of the Research Unit is merely to facilitate their access to a panel of researchers and institutions which have been assessed and verified. Further, notification of registration on the Panel is not a guarantee that the institution will be further contacted by IOM.

Will the information be shared or communicated to anyone?

No. The information you provide will be used only internally within IOM and updated at regular intervals through subsequent Expressions of Interests. Institutions may withdraw or update their details anytime by contacting research@iom.int.

For questions on the Panel, please contact research@iom.int.