



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 and Publications Division \(MRPD\)](#) is based at IOM Headquarters within the Department of Policy and Research, 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 Migration Policy and Practice, and IOM Migration Profiles.

IOM's MRPD 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 [Publications Platform](#) to as many audiences as possible around the world. The platform also provides free downloads of over 3,000 IOM publications.

In October 2021, following an initial call for Expressions of Interest, the Division established IOM's Research Partners Panel. The Panel is an internal information resource for IOM's Regional and Country offices where selected research institutions are registered and may be approached for the purpose of consulting with IOM on migration research projects. The Panel is currently constituted of more than 75 research institutions.

This *Call for Expressions of Interest* is being conducted to identify new research organizations that may be interested in consulting with IOM on migration research projects, with a view to increase language, geographic and thematic diversity within the Panel. Selected organizations 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 and development
Labour migration
Displacement
Drivers of migration
Diaspora
Remittances
Migrant integration
Return migration and reintegration
Gender dimensions
Media representations, including mis/disinformation
Public perceptions of migration
Children in migration
Migration and health
Environmental migration
Family migration
Irregular migration
Migrant smuggling and human trafficking
Migrant decision-making
Migrant rights
Migration data
Migration policy & law

How can interested organizations 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_2fwlcUEWQgLwdpk

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 demonstrates relevant competences and expertise. The information provided will be verified by IOM or independently, and referees may be contacted. If the institution is accepted for inclusion on the panel, it will be notified of its registration. There should be no conflict of interest between the institution 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 MRPD 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 offered any contractual arrangement 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 Calls for Expressions of Interests. Organizations may withdraw or update their details anytime by contacting research@iom.int.

Our research institution is already registered with IOM's Research Partners Panel. Do we need to resubmit an application?

No. All organizations which are registered with the Panel should have received an e-mail to confirm their interest in remaining a member. If your organization has replied to this e-mail no further action from your side is required.

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