

Evaluation Criteria – AI for the Global Majority – Call for Papers

SUBSTANTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The following substantial eligibility criteria apply :

1. Relevance to the Call Themes:

Proposals should focus on innovative initiatives to strengthen the responsible adoption and diffusion of AI for the Global Majority, across domains such as:

- AI education, including AI capacity building, up-skilling, and literacy;
- Data and AI standards and governance;
- AI for Good, particularly in key sectors such as health, agriculture, trade, climate, and biodiversity conservation;
- Open innovation, open-source AI, and open data.

This list is illustrative rather than exhaustive. We welcome both empirical and normative proposals—those that examine ongoing initiatives at the local and regional levels, as well as those offering forward-looking recommendations to advance responsible AI adoption and diffusion. Proposals should be context-sensitive, ensuring that solutions are applicable, viable, and sustainable within the specific local environments they aim to serve.

FORMAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Formal eligibility criteria aim to guarantee the administrative solidity of this call for papers. The following formal eligibility criteria apply :

Team composition:

The applicant's ability to collaborate with various stakeholders, engage in interdisciplinary work, and showcase collaboration will also be evaluated.

- Complies with the requirement that a minimum of 50% of the team members are from or based in the Global South
- Complies with the requirement of maintaining a gender-balanced and inclusive team structure

Host institution:

- A recognized university or other institution of tertiary education or research acts as the hosting institution of the project;
- The host institution confirms its ability to receive and manage the funding according to the highest compliance and ethical standard;

Coordinator:

- The coordinator will be the main administrative point of contact throughout the duration of the project.
- The coordinator submitting a project must be affiliated (professor, assistant professor, post-doc, researcher) or employed by the host institution
- Possesses an educational background in a relevant field of study

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria are divided into two main components:

Academic Originality and Rigor (70%)

The quality of the proposal is assessed based on:

- The comprehensiveness of the literature review;
- The precise identification of the research gap;
- The originality and clarity of the research questions or hypotheses;
- The appropriateness and completeness of the proposed research methods;
- The quality and suitability of the team members;
- The alignment between the proposed research activities and the available time and funding;

The clarity of the research plan.

Projected Outputs and Impact (30%)

The proposal is evaluated based on:

- The ambition of the planned academic outputs;
- The post-project data-sharing strategy;
- The appropriateness and depth of the proposed dissemination and impact strategy;
- The expected reach of the dissemination efforts and potential impact;

USE OF THE FUNDING

Administrative Costs

This call for paper does not cover institutional overheads. For any other expenditures made using the discretionary research fund, the host institution's rules apply, and coordinators must sign an ethical statement regarding the use of these funds.

All host institutions of selected projects must provide letters of support confirming that they will manage the allocated budget in accordance with the guidelines (without charging VAT or institutional overheads) and will ensure proper use of the discretionary research funds.

KFPE Principles for Research Collaboration



Research collaboration with partner institutions in the Global South must align with the KFPE principles.