

Call for Proposals from Academic/Research Institutions
For a collaboration with
Equal Access International
San Francisco (United States)

Equal Access International, an international non-governmental organization specializing in communication for social change, seeks to collaborate with Academic/Research institutions on research and publication related to our USAID-funded program activities in Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon. Research activities will include a pilot randomized controlled trial (RCT) to measure the effects on audiences of program radio broadcasts. Equal Access seeks the collaboration of an Academic Institution (University, College, etc.) or Research Institution for the following activities:

- Survey and study design (including identification of primary sampling units, sampling strategy, randomization protocol, etc.)
- Management of data collection software for tablet-based surveying, for testing, editing, implementation and monitoring of data collection
- Remote oversight of field-based data collection
- Data quality review, cleaning, organization and analysis
- Data reporting (written contributions for reports and publications)
- Conference presentations
- Additional support for the design and implementation of periodic interactive voice response surveys

The pilot RCT will occur in Niger, with the possibility for replication in additional programming countries after a period of review/lessons learned and adaption (if necessary). The initial research collaboration period is 2 years, beginning April 15, 2017.

Equal Access has a small budget for program research activities to support direct costs such as travel (for data collection/monitoring and/or conference presentations), up to 20 hours per week of graduate student support, and contributed time by a principal investigator. **Indirect costs cannot and will not be supported under this opportunity.**

The collaborating academic/research partner is free to publish study findings in collaboration with Equal Access (co-authorship desired but not mandatory on each paper/article, with right of review and discussion prior to publication as a courtesy).

Academic/Research institutions can respond to this call for collaborators **no later than April 7th** with an expression of interest, along with a cost proposal and the CVs of the proposed graduate student and principal investigator emailed to Equal Access's Director of Research, Dr. Karen Greiner: kgreiner@equalaccess.org.

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