

## State Fragility initiative Scoping Fund

SFi Scoping Fund offer up to £5,000 to PhD students and early-career researchers conducting preliminary research on fragile institutions or conflict. Please find below a description of the fund and details on how to apply. Please also find attached the application form needed to submit your application.

### **Purpose of the fund:**

The **State Fragility Initiative (SFi)** is offering **scoping grants of up to £5,000** to PhD students and early-career researchers. These grants aim to support **preliminary research, field visits, and early-stage project development** related to **fragile institutions or conflict**.

There are **no restrictions** on specific research topics, as long as the project aligns with these broad themes. The funding can be used to **assess feasibility, refine research approaches, and establish partnerships** with key stakeholders. This may include costs related to **travel, consultations, focus groups, preliminary data collection, or small pilot studies**.

Research areas may include (but are not limited to):

- Origins of state fragility or conflict
- Peacebuilding or post conflict recovery
- Policy responses to state fragility or conflict

### **Who can apply?**

We welcome applications from **PhD students and early-career researchers** working on topics related to **state fragility and conflict**. Researchers from **social science disciplines beyond economics** are also encouraged to apply.

### **Deadline:**

Applications are **reviewed on a rolling basis** and should be submitted **no later than Sunday 23:59 GMT, 15 February**. Early submission is encouraged.

### **How to apply?**

1. Fill out the attached form that summarises your research project and how you would like to spend the grant.
2. Email the completed form to: [sfi@theigc.org](mailto:sfi@theigc.org) as early as possible and 15 February 2025 at the latest.
3. Applications will be competitively reviewed by the SFi team.
4. Successful applicants will then be invited to a call with a policy economist from SFi to discuss the project and next steps.

If you have any questions on how to apply or if your project qualifies, please reach out to us at **[h.donnat@lse.ac.uk](mailto:h.donnat@lse.ac.uk)**. We are there to help.

Even if you are not applying to the grant, please do not hesitate to reach out at any point to talk about your projects on topics of state fragility or conflict. We are always happy to support researchers in any way we can.

