**State Fragility initiative Scoping Grant– Call for Proposals Application Form**  
*Grant for Early-Stage Research Projects*

*The State Fragility initiative (SFi) at the International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to work with national, regional, and international actors to catalyse new thinking, develop more effective approaches to addressing state fragility, and support collaborative efforts to take emerging consensus into practice.*

*SFi brings together robust evidence and practical insight to produce and promote actionable, policy-focused guidance for national, regional, and international actors in the following areas: state legitimacy, state effectiveness, private sector development, and conflict and security.*

*If you are an early career researcher or a PhD student with an interest in state fragility and conflict, you are invited to share your research ideas by answering the questions below SFi team to review.*

*Promising research ideas will be selected to submit detailed proposals for funding for up to £5,000 to support scoping visits or early-stage projects.*

**Instructions:**

* Please complete all sections of this form.
* Submit your application by 15 February 2025.
* Applications will be competitively reviewed by the SFi team.
* Successful applicants will be contacted to have a call with a policy economist and discuss next steps.
* If you have any questions, please contact [h.donnat@lse.ac.uk](mailto:h.donnat@lse.ac.uk).

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

1. **Full Name**:
2. **University/Institution**:
3. **Department/Faculty**:
4. **PhD Program Start Date (if applicable)**:
5. **Supervisor’s Name**:

**Section 2: Research Agenda**

1. **Title of Proposed Research Project**

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1. **Country/region of research**

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1. **Project description (300-500 words)**:  
   *Please describe your overall research project. Clearly state the research question(s) your project seeks to address and how they are related to state fragility or conflict.*

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**Section 3: Methodology and Data**

1. **Proposed Methodology (100-200 words)**:  
   *Describe the methods you plan to use to address your research question (e.g., econometric techniques, qualitative analysis, etc.).*

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1. **Data Sources (if applicable)**:  
   *What data will you use? Indicate whether it is existing data, fieldwork data, or other sources. If data collection is required, describe your plan.*

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**Section 4: Proposed Use of Scoping Grant**

1. **Purpose of Funding (300 words)**:  
   *Explain how this grant will contribute to your project development. Be specific about activities such as travel, fieldwork, data acquisition, pilot studies, etc.*

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1. **Budget Overview**:

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**Section 5: Timeline**

1. **Project Timeline**:  
   *Provide a brief timeline of activities supported by the grant (e.g., fieldwork, data collection).*

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**Section 6: Additional information**

1. **Any additional information you want to provide**:

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