TECH COALITION SAFE ONLINE RESEARCH FUND:
UNDERSTANDING AND FIGHTING ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ABUSE

2022 Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply

We are actively seeking submissions of Expressions of Interest (EOI) from non-profit organisations, such as research institutes and academic institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and international organisations. Consortia are also encouraged to apply; however, the organisation submitting the application will be considered the main grantee, bearing all the contractual responsibilities vis-à-vis End Violence.

Organisations are asked to list partners and advisors. Collaboration with other stakeholders such as law enforcement, government, etc. is encouraged, however the primary applicant must be a non-profit organisation. We encourage maximising synergies across jurisdictions/ sectors/ communities, as well as awareness of and exchange with existing research.

We encourage proposals from researchers, or collaborations with researchers that: are based in or with situational awareness of the country/countries being researched; including cross-cultural approaches; respond to a clear need/gap; and reflect principles of a Human Rights Based Approach to Data. End Violence Safe Online and the TC encourage applications inclusive and/or representative of diverse contexts, countries and cultures and with a specific research focus on underrepresented populations, such as BIPOC1, LGBTQI+2, people with disabilities, and those with relevant lived experience including survivors of online CSEA.

Strong consideration of feasibility of the research based on data access and relevant partners will be considered. End Violence and the TC encourage research projects that are open access3, where appropriate to the research and governed by the necessary data and ethical frameworks. We will also help support the dissemination of research outputs to a wide range of actors both within and outside of industry - as part of the TC and End Violence’s on-going multi-stakeholder engagement.

Submissions to this Request for EOI3 will be reviewed by technical experts at End Violence as well as an Advisory Group of external experts, as applicable. All submitted EOIs must meet the criteria required to be eligible for funding.

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1 Black, Indigenous and People of Color
2 Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex
3 The Tech Coalition Safe Online Research Fund will consider occasional exceptions to the open access rule as justified by the nature and/or sensitivity of the proposal.
What we will not fund

End Violence does not provide core organisational funding for non-profit organisations (i.e. research institutes and academic institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and international organisations).

Multiple EOIs from the same institution are acceptable; however, consideration will be given to ensure diversity of grant recipients and therefore applications from the same institution will be carefully evaluated with this in mind. Organisations will be invited to submit a Full Proposal if successful in the EOI phase up to a maximum of two proposals per institution. Researchers may only be named project lead on one application; however, project leads may be a supporting researcher on another application.

While consideration will be given to enhancing the capacity of all stakeholders, such as hotlines, educational organisations and first-responders and other similarly-focused organisations, to address online CSEA and make children safe online, the priority of this Call is on actionable research for enhancing the capacity of the technology industry to prevent, deter and eradicate online CSEA. The proposed research should not duplicate existing research. Documentaries, journalism, and oral history projects are not eligible for this solicitation.

For more information, please click here.