



SAESM Group Research Project 2021

As the first batch of students of the SAESM network's group research project (GRP) 2020 focussing on South Asian development nears completion, we are happy to announce the GRP 2.0. The project aims at quality research engagement. It is open to undergraduate students pursuing "Bachelor in Economics" from different South Asian countries to work in groups within a specified theme and under the guidance of advisors from different South Asian colleges and universities.

This year the following research themes open for consideration. The research projects will be drawn around the broad themes mentioned below in the context of South Asia.

- 1. Gender, Labour and Livelihood**
- 2. Public Health**
- 3. Environment and Development**

Students keen on being part of this GRP should send in a ONE PAGE- expression of interest stating (1) why a collaborative project can address challenges of development in South Asia, (2) the theme on which you would like to research, and (3) why the theme is important in the South Asian context. *Interested applicants must be full time students of an undergraduate program in Economics at a college / university in India at the time of applying.*

Interested students can send in their applications with the one page write-up and their CV (mentioning at least one reference), via email to: INDIASAESM@GMAIL.COM. The subject of the email should be Application for SAESM Group Research Project. In the body of the email, applicants must clearly mention the theme for which they are applying and provide the following details: full name of applicant, name of college/university, course and year in which they are currently enrolled.

Any queries should be addressed to the country in charge Dr. Rupali Sharma on the email id: INDIASAESM@GMAIL.COM

- A. **A research group** will be formed with selected applicants from South Asian countries. Each group will consist **of seven students, one each from a South Asian country**. The groups formed will have a unique opportunity to come together virtually and undertaking their research agenda collectively.
- B. Each group of seven members will research and frame a **well thought out and intelligently designed research proposal**. The groups would be given **one month** to decide on a specific research problem and develop the proposal collectively. The proposal will have to be defended before a group of experts from South Asia.
- C. The research groups will have **6 months** to work on the project and submit a research paper to the Project coordinators. Faculty from South Asian colleges/universities will mentor each group as the research advisors.
- D. The project will be supported by the World Bank





Important Deadlines

1. Last date of application- July 31, 2021 (brief write up and latest CV)
2. Announcements of successful applicants- August 30, 2021
3. Formation of groups from amongst successful country applicants- September 15, 2021 (WEBINAR)
4. Deadline for submission of project proposal and its outline- October 15, 2021
5. Proposal presentations- October 16, 2021 to October 31, 2021
6. Submission of projects- April 30, 2022

Overall Project Coordinators, SAESM Group Research Project:

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For more details on SAESM check out:

<http://sanemnet.org/saesm/past-conference.html>

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