Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources – University of Miami

Personnel Resources

The following personnel will participate in this grant as part of their role at the University of Miami.

- Brian D. Blankenship, Assistant Professor, University of Miami, will be Principal Investigator. He will be responsible for developing theory, designing the survey, managing and mentoring the undergraduate research assistant, leading the development of relevant public articles, coordinating the project's academic output, managing the budget in coordination with University of Miami Office of Research Administration, monitoring funded research progress, leading official reporting compliance, co-managing communication with survey firms and contacts in Djibouti, and delegating additional work to capture any shortfalls in productivity.

Support Programs, Staff, and Services

- University of Miami Office of Research Administration will provide support to the PI during the life cycle of the sponsored project, including proposal preparation, award acceptance, award management, and award closeout.

- University of Miami Senior Manager of Business Operations will provide support with grant administration, contracting, and major purchasing.

- University of Miami Department of Information Technology will provide network capability via secure servers to enable team researchers to share access to research data in a secure environment.

- University of Miami Library staff will provide support for data management and dissemination of data and results via appropriate repositories.

- Survey firms (e.g., GeoPoll) will be contracted to gather our survey samples of 1,000 respondents each in Djibouti, Kenya, and Cambodia.

Physical Resources

The University of Miami's Political Science Department has access to a computer lab, the Digital Scholars' Lab, located in the Richter Library. 24 high-powered Windows stations are located there and are equipped with statistical & GIS software and Engineering software. This computer lab features statistical software, such as Stata and SPSS statistical software, that is imperative for the analysis of original statistical data in Political Science.

Cyber infrastructure

Qualtrics Survey Software – University of Miami has a site-wide license for the use of Qualtrics survey software for original data collection. Qualtrics software allows for survey data collection in online and in-person environments, including advanced randomization of questionnaires.

Box – University of Miami has a license for the use of Box for file sharing.

The PI has access to computers and Stata and R statistical software. Undergraduate research assistant will also have access to computers at computer labs at the University of Miami with relevant software for finding and summarizing scholarly literature.

Discord, a threaded chat program, will be used for collaboration and real time text and voice conversation across research team personnel.

Streaming Video – The PI has access to a suite of streaming software (e.g., Zoom) to facilitate remote collaboration and to conduct remote interviews if necessary. These services will be free for any interview participant to use.