

[data.org Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge](https://www.data.org/challenge/)

As part of their commitment to building the field of data science for social impact, data.org, in partnership with the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth and The Rockefeller Foundation, has launched a \$10 million Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge. The challenge is an open call for breakthrough ideas that harness the power of data science to help people and communities thrive, especially in the wake of COVID-19's economic impact. Proposals are welcome from both individuals and teams that have extensive experience in data science and to those with an idea for how they could use data science to address societal issues, advance shared prosperity, and help ensure an inclusive recovery. The Challenge will award up to ten winners with data science talent, software, training, and funding from \$10K up to \$10 million USD in a mix of grant-funding, technical support & consulting, media production, marketing and promotional outreach, and software & infrastructure licenses.

Particular areas of interest are listed below:

- How can we use data science to help workers remain secure in precarious times?
- Can data insights predict trends in the labor market and connect and prepare workers for the jobs of tomorrow?
- How can data science enable microentrepreneurs to gain access to capital?
- How can data science help us identify micro and small businesses with the potential to grow?
- How can data insights rethink creditworthiness and unlock capital for high potential business owners?
- How can leaders use data-driven insights to make the right decisions to ensure economic security in underserved communities?
- How can data and analytics help connect neighborhoods to the resources and networks they need to access opportunity, including quality education, affordable housing and childcare, decent jobs, and transportation?

LOIs are due July 17th. More information is available here: <https://www.data.org/challenge/> .

Foundation Relations staff are available to assist with your proposal and submission, in collaboration with Cecilia Meisner (cmeisne1@jhu.edu) in the JHSPH Office of External Affairs. Our office can provide background information about this foundation from an institution-wide perspective, as well as assistance with proposal development and review based on prior institutional experience with the foundation. Please contact Laura Fuentes (laura.w.fuentes@jhu.edu) to discuss your proposal.