

J-PAL Courses

J-PAL courses help implementers, policymakers, and researchers become better producers and users of evidence and equip learners worldwide with skills in data analysis and economics. Explore J-PAL's course offerings below.

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In-person Open Enrollment Courses

Applications for Evaluating Social Programs in Cambridge, Massachusetts in June 2020 are now open! Visit the event page to learn more.

J-PAL's in-person, open-enrollment courses are designed for professionals from non-profit organizations, government agencies, and philanthropic foundations. Courses are held at set dates during the calendar year and are taught by J-PAL-affiliated researchers and senior staff.

Evaluating Social Programs: J-PAL's flagship executive education course is a five-day training that equips participants with resources and knowledge to engage with randomized evaluations of social programs. Offered annually at several J-PAL offices around the world, the course is tailored to the needs of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. [Learn more about *Evaluating Social Programs*.](#)

Measurement and Survey Design: This annual three-day course is hosted by J-PAL South Asia and introduces basic survey and data collection methodologies to researchers, M&E professionals, and other individuals interested in gaining essential skills for collecting high quality primary data. [Learn more about *Measurement and Survey Design*.](#)

Custom Courses

J-PAL can design a custom course for your organization with content tailored to a specific sector (e.g., health or education), geographic region, or level of technical detail. J-PAL custom courses can be taught in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Indonesian.

Past custom courses include:

- Three-day to five-day versions of our [Evaluating Social Programs](#) and [Measurement and Survey Design](#) courses
- Courses on randomized evaluations as part of a monitoring and evaluation strategy
- Two- to three-day *Evidence to Policy* courses on how to find, interpret, and use existing scientific evidence in decision-making

- *Advanced Impact Evaluation* courses for more technical audiences
- J-PAL Latin America's *Incubator Workshops* that bring implementers and university researchers together to work on joint projects

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Online Courses

J-PAL's online training courses bring our capacity-building materials on impact evaluation to a worldwide audience. Courses run in regular intervals in topics ranging from how to implement randomized evaluations to health research and policy. [Learn more about our online course offerings.](#)

J-PAL/MITx MicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Development Policy

The DEDP MicroMasters program is a collaboration between J-PAL, MIT Economics, and MITx. Through a series of five online courses, learners gain a strong foundation in microeconomics, development economics, and data

analysis. Learners who receive the MicroMasters credential are eligible to apply to a [Master's program](#) at MIT. [Learn more about the MicroMasters credential](#) or visit the [MicroMasters online portal](#).

J-PAL/PUC Diploma in Impact Evaluation of Public Policy and Social Programs

In collaboration with the Economics Department of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC), J-PAL offers the Diploma in Impact Evaluation of Public Policy and Social Programs (*Diplomado en Evaluación de Impacto de Programas y Políticas Públicas*). The Diploma is taught at PUC in Santiago, Chile by J-PAL affiliate professors and PUC faculty. [Learn more about the diploma](#) or visit the [program website](#) (in Spanish).

Research Staff Training

J-PAL and IPA host three research staff trainings annually for employees of J-PAL, IPA, and Evidence for Policy Design, or other research staff working on randomized evaluations led by J-PAL-affiliated researchers. [Learn more about Research Staff Training](#).

UPCOMING COURSES



NORTH AMERICA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

Webinar: Reducing Housing Instability with Randomized Evaluations

10 February 2020 | Webinar

[Register here](#)



MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA, WORKSHOP OR TRAINING

J-PAL Evaluating Social Programs Custom Course: International Rescue Committee - Jordan

9 March 2020 to 12 March 2020

| Amman, Jordan

Please note: this is a custom course hosted by the International Rescue Committee. The course is tailored to the needs of professionals from humanitarian, development, government, policy, and academic organizations who are considering, planning, or currently conducting randomized evaluations.



NORTH AMERICA, *WORKSHOP OR TRAINING*

J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, US 2020

8 June 2020 to 12 June 2020

| MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA

This five-day in-person training equips participants with resources and knowledge to engage with impact evaluations of social programs. The course provides an in-depth look at why and when randomized evaluations can be used to rigorously measure social impact, methods and considerations for their design and implementation, and how findings can inform evidence-based policies and programs.

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