Where can I find a list of low-income countries?

- Proposed projects must be carried out in or on one or more eligible low-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and/or South Asia.
- A list of low income countries can be found at: [http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income](http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income).

What if the country I want to conduct research in is not considered low-income?

- A smaller number of proposals for research on middle-income countries can be considered if the proposed work clearly demonstrates that the research will provide lessons for low-income countries.

Which countries are ineligible to apply?

- Research organisations in the following countries are NOT eligible for research grants as lead institutions: Cape Verde, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, and Somalia.

Can I submit more than one proposal?

- More than one research proposal may be submitted per institution if projects are led by different principal investigators.
- The final selection process will take into account the need for a balanced portfolio of projects engaging a variety of researchers, themes and regions.

Which kinds of organizations are eligible for funding?

- Proposed projects are to be undertaken by – or in the case of a research consortium, led by – a research-oriented institution with legal corporate registration.
- UN, donor and multi-lateral organizations are NOT eligible to apply.

I am not affiliated with an institution, can I apply alone?

- Applications from individual persons will NOT be accepted.

If we are a team of researchers (consortium) applying, do we all have to submit a proposal?

- Research consortia comprised of up to three institutional partners may apply, however one partner must be designated as the lead institution.
- The lead institutions should submit the application to IDRC on behalf of the consortium.

Are institutions based in the global North eligible to apply?

- Institutions based in the global North and global South are eligible to apply.
- In selecting final projects, weighting will be given to Southern-based research institutions, and North-South research consortia.
What is the maximum amount of funding I can request?

- We expect to fund approximately 15 institutions with grants ranging from $ CAD 300,000 to an amount not exceeding $ CAD 1 million.

What is an acceptable duration for the research project?

- Projects should be scheduled to be completed within a timeframe of no less than 18 months and not exceeding 36 months, including all research activities and final reporting.

What if my research questions do not align with the GrOW’s research questions?

- Outline research proposals should address two main themes specified in the call document, with the types of empirical questions that fit within the themes.
- There is a list of example questions within the call document. The questions are not exhaustive, and research proposals can address any of these questions, combinations of questions, and other questions fitting within the overall themes.

Do I need to upload both a letter of intent and letter of endorsement in my application?

- You can choose to include both an official, signed letter of intent in the name of the applicant/lead institute endorsing the proposed research project, and a separate letter of endorsement of the lead institution signed by all of the participating institutions in the case of a research consortium.
- Should the letter of intent be signed by all of the participating institutions, and adheres to all of the other conditions stipulated in the instructions on the online application form, we will accept this in lieu of a separate letter of endorsement. If requested by the electronic system, you may upload the same letter twice.

Can you please inform us if CGIAR Centers can apply?

- CGIAR centres are permitted to submit their candidacy for research calls, on the condition that the centre is subcontracted by a member of a consortium. Therefore, they are eligible to apply as a research partner, but not a lead researcher.