

# Research Award: Advisory Committee on Research Ethics

**Deadline: August 6, 2014**

**Please note that all applications must be submitted online.**

IDRC is one of the world's leaders in generating new knowledge to meet global challenges. We offer a number of research awards providing a unique opportunity to enhance research skills and gain a fresh perspective on crucial development issues. These one-year, paid, in-house programs of training and mentorship allow award holders to pursue their research goals and work in one of IDRC's dynamic program or division teams.

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IDRC's Advisory Committee on Research Ethics (ACRE) promotes the principles of ethical research at IDRC and provides guidance to staff in the assessment and oversight of research ethics in the work undertaken or supported by IDRC. ACRE's mission is also to strengthen the capacity of IDRC employees to identify and address research ethics in their work.

ACRE seeks a Research Awardee to study research ethics in an international development or global health context. The successful candidate will allocate about 50% of the time to his/her own research project under the guidance of a Senior Program Officer, and will be expected to present his/her research plan and provide progress updates to ACRE during the year. Research award proposals may address how donor agencies, research ethics boards, and Canadian and developing-country researchers approach issues related to research ethics. The following topics are examples of issues that could be addressed in the research proposals:

- Research ethics issues in developing countries
- Research in countries where there is little or no formal ethics oversight
- Effective policies and practices to ensure the respect for research ethics in international development and global health
- New trends such as open data and private sector involvement, and how they affect research ethics in international development and global health

For the remaining 50% of the time, the Research Awardee will support the ACRE Coordinator and Chair in carrying out ACRE's mandate. Activities may include maintaining and expanding IDRC's database of resources on research ethics, including case studies; contributing to the development of IDRC's relationship with the Tri-Council Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research; creating an inventory

of research ethics boards and practices in developing countries; and coordinating seminars or training events for IDRC employees.

Applicants should clearly outline their qualifications for this position, explain how this opportunity will advance their career goals, and recognize the dual nature of the position—applied research activity and general ACRE support.

### Who can apply?

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, or a citizen of a developing country;
- Be currently enrolled at a recognized university at the master's level or have completed a master's degree at a recognized university. These awards may be part of an academic requirement.
- Your proposed research must focus on a developing country where IDRC supports research or on Canada.

### Candidates should possess:

- Demonstrated interest in research ethics in international development or global health
- Knowledge of research for development
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Proficiency in English; French language skills an asset
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

It is highly desirable that the candidate is enrolled in (or has recently completed) a master's program in ethics. Field experience in developing countries is an asset.

This position is located at IDRC's head office in Ottawa.

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