

Research Award: Donor Partnerships Division

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.

IDRC's [Donor Partnerships division](#) (DPD) initiates, builds, and maintains relationships with donors, international organizations, and research funders committed to enhancing research capacities in developing countries. DPD coordinates the strategic and policy dimensions of partnering, as well as the more practical aspects of concluding agreements with other research funders, such as negotiating and budgeting. DPD also implements a global capacity-building project for IDRC research partners on the various aspects of resource mobilization (RM). Through modalities such as training workshops and technical assistance, the project aims to strengthen skill sets of research managers and staff, as well as overall organizational capacity.

DPD works with all IDRC programming areas; therefore, the successful candidate will be exposed to a diverse set of research projects and will acquire a solid appreciation of the world of research for development.

We encourage research proposals from candidates interested in the following areas:

- Public-private and other cross-sector partnerships for development;
- Trends in private philanthropy, such as locally based philanthropic foundations in emerging economies and their relevance to development;
- Business model development and the challenges of implementation.

The successful candidate will allocate about 50% of the time to his/her own research project under the guidance of a Partnership Officer and will be expected to present his/her research plan and provide progress updates during the year. The Research Awardee will also contribute to the management of the program (the remaining 50% of the time) through a variety of tasks which may include providing research analysis and coordinating the production and dissemination of information related to donor partnerships, resource mobilization, and organizational development.

Applicants should clearly outline their qualifications for this position, and explain how this opportunity will advance their career goals.

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 either currently enrolled at a recognized university at the master's or doctoral level or have completed a master's or doctoral degree at a recognized university. These awards may be part of an academic requirement.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in international development issues;
- Familiarity with Canadian development agencies;
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English; and
- Knowledge of French and/or Spanish is an asset.

It is highly desirable that the candidate is enrolled in (or has recently completed) a master's or PhD program in one of the following disciplines:

- International development;
- International relations;
- Business.

Priority will be given to proposals outlining focused and feasible objectives, and clearly defined methodology.

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

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