



## **Research Award: Ecosystems and Human Health (Ecohealth)**

**Deadline: 12 September 2012**

***Please note that all applications must be sent electronically.***

IDRC's Research Awards are a unique opportunity for master's and doctoral-level students, as well as recent graduates to enhance their research skills and gain a fresh perspective on crucial development issues. This one-year, paid in-house program of training and mentorship in research, research management, and grant administration allows research awardees to pursue their research goals in a dynamic team environment in one of the world's leaders in generating new knowledge to meet global challenges. With the approval of their mentor, awardees may pursue their own research for up to 6 months throughout the year-long award and contribute to programming activities during the remaining term. Expert mentors will guide awardees through all research phases, from refining the initial idea, to developing research questions and protocols, to planning and conducting fieldwork, analysis, and presentation of results.

IDRC's Ecosystems and Human Health (Ecohealth) program explores the links between human health and well-being and productive and sustainable ecosystems. Information on past and current projects funded by Ecohealth can be found [here](#).

In 2013, Ecohealth invites research award proposals that advance the Ecohealth program by exploring health challenges faced by communities under conditions of climate change in Africa. Possible examples include (but are not limited to) frameworks for assessing health-related vulnerabilities to climate change; economic analysis of health options for adaptation to climate change; examining how healthier community adaptation approaches can contribute to or draw from National Adaptation Plans and other climate change policies.

Your proposal should demonstrate an understanding of the principles that inform ecohealth research and of the links between human health, climate change, environmental sustainability, and development. You should also tell us how this award aligns with your career goals.

You must be enrolled in or have recently completed a graduate program in the following disciplines:

- Public Health, Epidemiology;
- Environmental Sciences; or
- Social Sciences.

Knowledge of research for development, field experience in a developing country, demonstrated ability to work independently, and strong written and oral communications skills are considered assets.