

## Research Award: Governance, Security, and Justice

**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 [Governance, Security, and Justice \(GSJ\)](#) program funds research that examines how states and citizens interact to build secure, just, and responsive societies. In regions affected by conflict, citizens and marginalized groups have difficulty claiming their right to live in a safe and prosperous environment. The threat of violence and failure of the state to provide justice and security leave people vulnerable and limit their representation in society.

The GSJ program addresses this gap by funding research that focuses on how states and societies interact to build legitimate and accountable public authorities. By funding research that is locally driven, grounded, and policy-relevant, we aim to build knowledge and skills in the areas of governance, security, and justice in violence- and conflict-affected contexts. Our goal is to support research that influences debates, policies, and practices, and which provides citizens and public authorities with evidence-based solutions.

For 2015, GSJ is recruiting a Research Awardee to undertake research on the issue of urban violence, and who can contribute substantively to the work of GSJ's [Safe and Inclusive Cities \(SAIC\) program initiative](#). More specifically, SAIC is a global research program that documents the links between urban violence, poverty, and inequalities. Jointly funded by IDRC and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), the program supports experts from around the world to find out what works — and what doesn't — to reduce violence in urban centres.

The successful candidate will allocate 50% of the time to his/her own research project under the guidance of a Senior Program Officer, and will be expected to design and implement his/her research plan and provide progress updates during the year. The Research Awardee will also contribute to the SAIC program, with some support provided to the GSJ program more generally (the remaining 50% of the time) through a variety of tasks, which may include synthesizing and disseminating project outcomes and results, participating in project development, monitoring and evaluation, communication, networking and learning activities, and preparing internal and external reports.

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.
- Your proposed research must focus on a developing country, with preference given to projects that will focus on the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia that are the subject of existing [SAIC research projects](#).

## Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated interest in exploring governance, security and justice issues with a focus on urban violence
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as part of a multi-disciplinary team, with team members based in Canada and internationally
- Be enrolled in (or have recently completed) a graduate degree program (Master's or PhD) in one of the following disciplines: social sciences, urban studies/urban planning, international affairs, development studies, economics, journalism or communications.
- Field experience in a developing country, with preference given to Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, or South Asia, is an asset.

Language Requirements:

- Applicants must be fluent in either English or French
- Proficiency in a second official language (English or French) is an asset
- Proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese is an asset

Priority will be given to proposals outlining focused and feasible objectives, and clearly defined methodology. Further, the proposal should demonstrate the relevance of the proposed research to IDRC's GSJ program, and specifically to the Safe and Inclusive Cities initiative.

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

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