

# Research Award: Non-Communicable Disease Prevention

**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 [Non-Communicable Disease Prevention](#) (NCDP) program supports policy relevant research for the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). In 2015, NCDP invites research award proposals that advance our program by exploring the challenges of adopting and implementing policies that prevent NCDs and reduce the major risk factors, such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet, alcohol misuse, and physical inactivity. This includes evidence for policies and laws that:

- reduce demand for and supply of tobacco and alcohol products, and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar;
- increase the affordability and availability of a variety of local healthy foods;
- promote supportive urban environments for safe and healthy active transport (walking, cycling);
- protect public health policy development from commercial influence; and
- strengthen tobacco control and health promotion efforts through innovative, sustainable financing.

Three cross-cutting themes are central to our program and the research we support:

- Understanding the value and impact of NCD prevention policies on different social groups;
- Knowing how to mobilize a whole-of-government approach for NCD prevention;
- Addressing the barriers posed by commercial influence to developing health-promoting policies for NCD prevention.

Projects may also produce evidence syntheses or situation analyses to inform program development on any of the themes outlined above. You can read more about our program's areas of interest and past and current projects [here](#).

Your proposal should demonstrate an understanding of the evidence base and principles of health promotion and NCD prevention. You should also tell us how this award aligns with your 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.

## Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Be enrolled in or have recently completed a graduate program in disciplines relevant to a program that promotes multisectoral approaches to public health;
- Knowledge of research for development;
- Field experience in a developing country;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently; and
- Strong verbal and written communications skills.

Please note: Candidates must demonstrate that she or he has no direct or indirect association with the tobacco industry.

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

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