



Research Award: [Non-Communicable Disease Prevention \(NCDP\)](#)

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 guidance of their mentor, awardees pursue their own research for half of their time throughout the year-long award and contribute to programming activities during the remaining time. 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 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 2013, 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 healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables;
- encourage active transportation (walking and cycling) to boost physical activity levels;
- 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.

You must 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 written and oral communications skills are considered assets.

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