

## Research Award: Climate Change

**Deadline: August 6, 2015**

**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 [Climate Change program](#) aims to support partnerships and networks to build evidence for cost-effective solutions and the smart use of technology that generate short-term social and economic gains, and guard against future climate impacts. It has three priorities: the generation of new knowledge and inform policy in climate change vulnerability hotspots; increased climate resilience of cities; and the facilitation of climate adaptation finance, particularly from private sources. The Climate Change program supports policy-relevant research that builds capacity to help vulnerable people and communities in developing countries adapt to climate risk.

The Climate Change program is looking for a Research Award Recipient who will conduct research on adaptation to climate change in one or more developing country cities located in Africa, Asia, or Latin America and the Caribbean. Cities under climate pressure are often situated in watersheds faced with competing demands for limited water resources, including for hydro-power, agriculture, industry, and domestic use. Particular areas of interest include the development and application of technologies for adaptation and/or climate-ready infrastructure, exploring options for climate finance for adaptation and engagement with private sector actors, and innovations in planning approaches or governance systems for addressing climate thresholds that threaten the sustainability of communities and industries.

The successful candidate will allocate 50% of their time toward a research project relating to the above themes under the guidance of an IDRC Program Officer. They will be expected to prepare a research plan, provide progress updates during the year, and present their findings at the end of the year. The other 50% of the successful candidate's time will include contributions to program operations, which may include synthesizing and disseminating project outcomes and results; participating in program and project development, monitoring, and evaluation; supporting program communications and research dissemination 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 contribute towards an academic requirement.
- The proposed research must focus on one or more developing countries.

### **Candidates should have the following qualifications:**

- Demonstrated interest in one or more of the following: climate change adaptation, international development, urban resilience, and/or climate finance;
- Strong verbal and written communication skills; and
- Field experience in the target regions is an asset.

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

- Environmental studies/sciences
- Development studies
- Urban planning
- Climate finance
- Environmental economics
- Civil engineering
- Water resource management

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 local, national, and/or regional policy debates in at least one of the following regions: Africa, Asia, or Latin America and the Caribbean.

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

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