

Research Award: Employment and Growth

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 Employment and Growth program supports policy-oriented research that generates new insights and options for promoting policies that facilitate inclusive growth. This is growth that enhances access of the poor to opportunities and reduces inequalities. Women's economic empowerment and youth employment are priority areas in the portfolio, and the program has a growing focus on the role of the private sector in promoting the economic opportunities of marginalized groups.

Employment and Growth is looking for a Research Award Recipient to undertake research addressing the concept of inclusive growth through the exploration of one of the thematic areas of the program. We are particularly interested in research related to youth employment, women's economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, and the role of the private sector in international development.

The successful candidate will allocate 50% of their time to their own research project under the guidance of a Senior Program Officer, and will be expected to present their research plan and provide progress updates during the year. In the remaining 50% of their time, the Research Award Recipient will contribute to the management of the program through a variety of tasks, which may include synthesizing and disseminating project outcomes and results, participating in project development, monitoring and evaluation, communication 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.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Strong research, analysis, and writing skills for different audiences (academic, policy, general public);
- Experience working/researching in a developing country; and
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.

It is highly desirable that the candidate is enrolled in (or has recently completed) a master's or doctoral program in either economics, international development, or policy studies with a focus on economics.

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/regional policy debates in Asia or Africa.

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

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