

## Research Award: Food, Environment and Health

**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.

The main goal of IDRC's Food, Environment and Health (FEH) program is to develop evidence, innovations, and policies for improved health, healthier food systems, and the prevention of food-related chronic diseases. Four cross-cutting themes are central to our program and the research we support: social and gender equity, economic value/impact, multi-sector action, and environmental sustainability. FEH is therefore interested in understanding the value and impact of policies and innovations on different social groups, the economic benefits and costs of interventions to different actors in the food system, and the value and impact of changes in food supply and consumption on the natural environment. We are also interested in research that aims to gain an understanding of how to better engage different perspectives (including a gender lens) and actors from relevant sectors (government, civil society and private sectors). While it may not be possible to address all considerations at the same level of depth, they will be taken into account in the selection process.

Food, Environment and Health invites research proposals that advance its program by improving our understanding of developing countries' food systems, and by exploring how public policy interventions can support healthy and sustainable diets. Possible topics of interest may include, but are not limited to:

- Analysis of food-system trends and their impacts on affordability, availability, quality, and diversity of diets.
- Enhanced understanding of food-industry practices and factors that influence food-related policies, regulations, and programs.
- Research to inform the design, implementation, and/or evaluation of fiscal and regulatory interventions aimed to increase consumption of fresh and minimally processed foods.
- Cross-sector policy analyses and strategies for improving coherence between public policies and regulations that impact food systems and promote healthy and sustainable diets.

## 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 one or more developing countries.

## Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Be enrolled in or have recently completed a graduate program in a discipline relevant to the promotion of multi-sector approaches to public health
- Knowledge of research for development
- Field experience in a developing country
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Strong verbal and written communications skills

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