

Call for Applications

IDRC Research Awards 2016

Deadline: August 6, 2015

The award

IDRC offers these awards to graduate-level Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries. Research award recipients will undertake a one-year paid program of research on the topic they have submitted, and will receive hands-on experience in research management, grant administration, and the creation, dissemination, and use of knowledge from an international perspective.

Countries subject to approval

In principle, IDRC supports research in all developing countries. At this time, however, we **do not** offer awards for research that involves Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Somalia, Eastern Europe, or Central Asia.

Candidates proposing field research in the following countries or territories, even if recommended by the evaluators, must go through a further stage of approval within IDRC:

Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Small Island States [*including Comoros, Mauritius, São Tomé and Príncipe, Seychelles, Timor-Leste and Oceania (Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Kiribati, Palau, Marshall Islands, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Tonga, Vanuatu, Wallis & Futuna)*], South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen.

Who can apply

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, or a citizen of a developing country.
- You must be 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 cannot receive any other Canadian government scholarship, award, subsidy, bursary, or honorarium, or hold any federal government contract in support of a research/work project for the duration of the award.
- If you are a non-Canadian residing, relocating, or studying in Canada and are recommended for an award, you will need a valid work permit **before** working at IDRC.

Duration

January to December 2016 (12 months)

Number of awards

10 awards will be offered during this competition.

Deadline

August 6, 2015 by 4:00 pm EST. Awards will be announced in late November 2015.

TO APPLY

Choose **ONLY** one of the following programs listed below.

[Agriculture and Food Security](#) (PDF, 531KB)

[Climate Change](#) (PDF, 614KB)

[Employment and Growth](#) (PDF, 514KB)

[Food, Environment, and Health](#) (PDF, 522KB)

[Foundations for Innovation](#) (PDF, 532KB)

[Governance and Justice](#) (PDF, 529KB)

[Maternal and Child Health](#) (PDF, 436KB)

[Networked Economies](#) (PDF, 516KB)

[Policy and Evaluation](#) (PDF, 527KB)

[Think Tank Initiative](#) (PDF, 642KB)

Before the deadline, complete the eligibility and application forms [online](#).

Only shortlisted candidates will be required to upload scanned copies of the documents listed in the [checklist](#).

Access the application form [here](#) or go to: <https://ra-br-competition.fluidreview.com/>

Late and/or incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

You may submit your application in English or French only (Canada's two official languages).

We will only consider applications submitted online through the link provided above. Please read carefully the information and eligibility criteria provided on this page before beginning the application process.

Re-applicants

Please note that we do not provide comments from evaluators for re-applicants.

Ethical considerations

Research supported by a Research Award should comply with the latest edition of the [Canadian Tri-Council Policy Statement \(TCPS\): Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans](#). Your proposal should discuss issues of consent, fairness, privacy, confidentiality, and conflicts of interest. Please also indicate, with appropriate reference, whether the country where data collection will take place requires a local research ethics committee to review your project.

Evaluation criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applications:

- fit with IDRC mission and thematic priorities
- relevance to [IDRC mandate](#)
- relevance of the research and training proposal to the chosen IDRC's program's specifications
- overall appropriateness, completeness, and clarity of the research and training proposal
- overall feasibility, duration, and timing of the research
- originality and creativity of the research
- gender implications of the research
- ethical considerations of the research
- the applicant's capacity to conduct the proposed research and training, including academic training, local language capacity, and related experience
- whether the applicant has received another IDRC award (Candidates cannot receive more than one IDRC award in a given year.)

Announcement of results

We thank all applicants for their interest. Due to the high volume of submissions, only those applicants considered for an award will be advised by email. An autoreply from the IDRC Awards team serves as acknowledgement of receipt of your application.

A list of [Candidates Recommended for an Award](#) will be posted on the IDRC website by late November 2015.