

Research Award: Agriculture and Food Security

Deadline: August 7, 2013

Please note that all applications must be sent electronically.

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 [Agriculture and Food Security](#) (AFS) program supports research that generates new options for equitable and productive agriculture to improve food and income security for poor women and men in developing countries. Research has shown that appropriate food security interventions have the potential to achieve sustained improvements in household food security as well as the nutritional well-being of vulnerable members of the population. The AFS program works with organizations to intensify and diversify small-scale agriculture, improve nutritional quality, and income by developing, disseminating, and using innovations (technological, institutional, political, economic, and social) without adverse consequences to societies and the environment.

Research Award candidates are encouraged to submit applications that will further the AFS program's multi-regional programming through a research activity focusing on agriculture and food security, specifically on **the gender and social (equity) dimensions of agriculture, food production, distribution, or consumption**. This may include research on the changing gender division of labour in agriculture, gender and post-harvest technology, gender and nutrition security and gendered participation in agricultural institutions. Other relevant topics are also welcome.

You should have an interest in the social dimensions of agriculture, food security, nutrition, rural livelihoods, and sustainable development along with an understanding of agricultural science and first-hand knowledge of the rural sector.

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:

- Have, or be currently enrolled in, a postgraduate degree with a strong emphasis on agriculture and rural livelihoods;
- An interest in farming systems research, gender and development, sustainable development and agrarian policy
- Knowledge of research for development;
- Field experience in a developing country (preferably Asia)
- Strong verbal and written communications skills;
- Experience with publishing/communications highly desirable; and
- Knowledge of any South Asian language an asset.

Your research proposal should demonstrate the intention to explore linkages between gender, agriculture, nutrition, and food security, have a clear commitment to AFS' methodological building blocks (e.g., multistakeholder participation, transdisciplinarity), and recognize the dual nature of the position—applied research activity and general program support.

The position will be based in IDRC's Asia Regional Office in New Delhi.

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