

Research Award: Climate Change and Water

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.

IDRC's [Climate Change and Water](#) (CCW) program supports research that reduces vulnerability to the water-related impacts of climate change. CCW encourages the development of research on specific tools to cope with water stress, such as improving integrated water resource management, finding equitable ways to allocate existing water (tradable rights), reusing lower quality water (saline, wastewater), and facilitating sustainable and equitable water access and governance, among others. CCW also seeks to build research capacity to help vulnerable people and communities adapt to such risks, and encourages developing-country researchers to be heard in public policy debates by effectively sharing their results with policymakers and national or international donors.

CCW is looking for a Research Awardee to undertake research on adaptation to climate change in the Latin America and/or Caribbean region with a focus on water. The successful candidate will allocate about 50% of the time to his/her own research project under the guidance of a Senior Program Specialist. The Research Awardee is expected to present his or her research plan and progress during the year. You will also contribute to a variety of other tasks (the remaining 50% of your time). These may include synthesizing and disseminating project outcomes and results, participating in project development, monitoring, communication and learning activities, and preparing internal and external reports.

Applicants should explain how this experience (research and operations) 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 one or more developing countries.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in the water, climate change adaptation, and/or development sectors;
- Interest in exploring water governance issues as related to global climate change;
- Field experience in the region an asset
- Strong verbal and written communications skills; and
- Proficiency in English and French; working knowledge of Spanish an asset

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

- Environmental and/or natural resource and/or development economics
- Environmental studies/sciences
- Natural resource management
- International development studies

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 Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

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

A key part of Canada's aid program, IDRC supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development.

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