

# Research Award: Canadian Partnerships

**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 [Canadian Partnerships](#) (CP) program offers a Research Award every year to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries. This award provides young and upcoming professionals with a unique opportunity to strengthen their research skills and gain a fresh perspective on the Canadian community — both in universities and civil society organizations (CSOs) — that is actively engaged in creating, sharing, and using knowledge to advance our understanding of international development issues and to inform better cooperation for development.

In 2014 the Canadian Partnerships program is seeking a candidate to explore the issue of “Innovative Study-Abroad Programs in Canadian Universities.”

The number of study-abroad programs available for students at Canadian universities which take them to low- and middle-income countries is growing. Some of these programs target students of international development studies but programs are also being offered by other faculties, including public health and engineering.

Some initial research on Canadian study-abroad placements funded by the Canadian Partnerships program found there were many benefits as well as challenges for participants and host organizations (see resources below.) Other Canadian scholars are studying these programs, including their ethical safeguards. But there appears to be a dearth of knowledge on the various types of policies and practices developed by Canadian universities (and NGOs) for study-abroad programs and placements. There may also be lessons to learn from other countries' programs and related research.

The Research Awardee will review current study-abroad programs run or promoted by Canadian universities, survey ongoing programs, study different models, and identify promising practices that may inspire the larger Canadian university community.

## 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 and/or Canada.

## Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Strong research and analytical skills;
- Familiarity with Canadian university environment and civil society an asset;
- Strong verbal and written communications skills;

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

## Study-abroad resources:

Barbara Heron, "Challenging Indifference to Extreme Poverty: Considering Southern Perspectives on Global Citizenship and Change", *Éthique et économique/Ethics and Economics*, vol. 8, no 1, 2011. <https://papyrus.bib.umontreal.ca/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1866/4584/Heron.pdf?sequence=1>

Rebecca Tiessen, "Motivations for Learning/Volunteer Abroad Programs: Research with Canadian Youth", *Global Citizenship and Equity Education Journal*, vol. 2, no 1, 11 mai 2012. <http://journals.sfu.ca/jgcee/index.php/jgcee/issue/view/4>

Marc Epprecht et Rebecca Tiessen, "Introduction: Global Citizenship Education for Learning/Volunteering Abroad", *Global Citizenship and Equity Education Journal*, vol. 2, no 1, 11 mai 2012. <http://journals.sfu.ca/jgcee/index.php/jgcee/issue/view/4>

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