

Research Award: Ecosystems and Human Health (Ecohealth)

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 Ecosystems and Human Health (Ecohealth) program explores the links between human health and well-being and productive and sustainable ecosystems. Read more about past and current projects funded by the [Ecohealth](#) program.

As a transdisciplinary and applied research approach, ecohealth involves different stakeholders to help bridge the "know-do" gap. Researchers need to be able to communicate their results to policymakers in ways that increase the likelihood of uptake and application at scale, and eventually positive and sustainable change. The process of influencing policymakers (known as knowledge translation) is not simple and is often context specific. In 2014, the Ecohealth program invites research award proposals that advance the ecohealth field by exploring knowledge translation, communications, or health and environment policy related to the prevention and control of emerging infectious diseases or to improved health in agro-ecosystems in Asia, Latin America, or Africa.

Your proposal should demonstrate an understanding of the principles that inform ecohealth research and of the links between human health, agriculture, environmental sustainability, and development. You should also tell us how this award aligns with your 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:

- Be enrolled in or have recently completed a graduate program in one of the following areas:
 - Communications, knowledge translation, or other relevant field in social science
 - Public Health or health policy
 - Environmental Sciences or environmental policy with a focus on health-related issues
- Knowledge of research for development and policy processes;
- Prior field work in a developing country an asset;
- Strong verbal and written communications skills; and
- Ability to work independently.

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

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