Research Award: Global Health Research Initiative

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 Global Health Research Initiative (GHRI) aims to create better health for all through evidence-informed policies and programs that lead to strong, equitable health systems. GHRI is a partnership of Canadian government agencies working together with researchers and decision-makers around the world to tackle global health challenges. The Initiative promotes collaborations and shared learning across disciplines and sectors within and between low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and Canada. GHRI’s priority research areas are health systems strengthening, primary health care, and populations living in global and local conditions of vulnerability. GHRI is also committed to maternal, newborn, and child health.

GHRI invites research award proposals that advance our program by exploring:

- challenges in evidence-based policymaking, in global health;
- capacity strengthening to conduct and use global health research in LMICs;
- exploring partnerships and mutual learning (e.g., South-North, South-South, etc.)
- strengthening health systems in LMICs, including research on primary healthcare; and/or
- bringing global health to Canadian government policies and programs;

Please note that priority will not be given to biomedical or clinical research.

The successful candidate will contribute to synthesizing/disseminating GHRI project outcomes and results as well as a variety of other tasks. Proposals should demonstrate an understanding of the evidence base and principles that inform global health research, and explain how the award aligns with the candidate’s 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 and/or Canada.
Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Strong research and analytical skills;
- Knowledge of research for development;
- Field experience in an LMIC would be an asset;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Strong verbal and written communication skills; and
- Proficiency in English and French.

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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