



Research Award: Supporting Inclusive Growth program

Deadline: 12 September 2012

Please note that all applications must be sent electronically.

IDRC's Research Awards are a unique opportunity for master's and doctoral-level students, as well as recent graduates to enhance their research skills and gain a fresh perspective on crucial development issues. This one-year, paid in-house program of training and mentorship in research, research management, and grant administration allows research awardees to pursue their research goals in a dynamic team environment in one of the world's leaders in generating new knowledge to meet global challenges.

IDRC's [Supporting Inclusive Growth](#) program supports rigorous, policy-oriented research that generates new insights and options for promoting policies that facilitate inclusive growth — growth that enhances access of the poor to opportunities and reduces inequalities. SIG's work focuses on two areas: (i) enhancing enterprise development, entrepreneurship, and innovation; and (ii) encouraging growth with decent jobs. Gender is a cross-cutting theme, with an emphasis on women's economic empowerment. Youth and information communication technologies (ICTs) are also dimensions of interest explored in the SIG portfolio. Our program is also building its portfolio and expertise on environmental sustainability, and in particular "green growth." For more information about the program, read our [prospectus](#).

The successful candidate will allocate about 50% of the time to his/her own research project under the guidance of a senior staff member. The Research Awardee is expected to present his or her research plan and progress during the year (at IDRC internal meetings or other academic or professional forums). You are expected to finalize your research paper in the form of an internal or external publication with single or joint authorship.

You will also contribute to a variety of other tasks (the remaining 50% of your time) as part of the team. 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.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Strong research, analysis, and writing skills for different audiences (academic, policy, general public);
- Experience working/researching in a developing country; and
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; a second or third language is an asset.

Proposals should address the concept of inclusive growth through one of the thematic areas of the Supporting Inclusive Growth program. Proposals need to outline precise and feasible objectives, a clearly defined methodology, and a work-plan. Proposals should also highlight possible challenges in carrying out the research, and how these challenges will be addressed. Applicants should address the gender dimensions of their research.

We welcome applications for the Research Award based at IDRC's head office in Ottawa. There is a possibility that this position may be located in one of IDRC's regional offices.