



# CARIAA IRCAAAA

Collaborative Adaptation Research  
Initiative in Africa and Asia

Initiative de recherche concertée  
sur l'adaptation en Afrique et en Asie

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - IDRC Professional Development Award

**Deadline:** December 9, 2016

### Background

The Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA) is a multi-regional and interdisciplinary program co-funded by IDRC and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). Through this Professional Development Award, CARIAA offers an exciting opportunity for a young researcher to gain experience in a vibrant network of 450+ researchers and practitioners who are working collaboratively toward helping to build the resilience of vulnerable people to climate change. CARIAA supports a network of consortia to conduct high-caliber research, informing adaptation policy and practice in hot spots in Africa and Asia. Each of the four consortia, composed of four to five member institutions, is conducting research focused on one of three types of climate change hot spots: glacier and snow-pack dependent river basins, deltas, and semi-arid regions in Africa and South Asia.

Along with producing quality research, enhancing capacity and promoting engagement at the consortia-level, CARIAA also aims to create added value by producing program level analysis, synthesis and learning that cuts across the research undertaken in the three hot spots. After two and a half years into program implementation, the CARIAA program team is now designing a strategy to identify, structure and support in a systematic manner cross-consortia common themes for synergies and synthesis emerging from the Program's research. This strategy will be implemented in collaboration with consortia partners.

For more details about CARIAA: <http://cariaa.net> and [www.idrc.ca/cariaa](http://www.idrc.ca/cariaa)

### The Scope

The professional development award recipient (one position available) will undertake a 12 months paid program of research focusing on the identification of themes for synthesis at the programmatic-level, and leading the writing of academic papers and popular articles on the identified themes, together with program partners. The position is based at IDRC's head office in Ottawa, Canada. The recipient will work under the mentorship of a program officer. The recipient will also carry out other tasks in support of the program, as described below.

### Terms of Reference

- **Development of Communication Products.** Based on the synthesis effort, the Awardee will support the production of written materials for the communication of common/cross-cutting themes between two or more consortia to different audiences (e.g. research articles



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and working papers, contributions to the program's website, knowledge management platform and social media).

- **Event Coordination.** The Awardee will carry out duties related to the coordination of the program's Annual Learning Review event to take place in Nepal in May 2017. This event will allow the Awardee to further define topics of synthesis and build relationships with consortia members.
- **Program Management.** The recipient will acquire practical experience related to the management of program activities, including contributions to the review of concept notes and project proposals, strategic planning, organization of meetings, etc.
- **General Assistance.** The Awardee will assist the program staff and carry out duties as discussed between the recipient and his/her Mentor.

### **Eligibility**

This call is open to Canadians residing in Canada and permanent residents of Canada having completed a doctoral program at a recognized university in the last five years. The candidate must have a strong track record of academic writings and demonstrate their ability to write and work collaboratively. The candidates must demonstrate a specialization in climate change adaptation and experience in communicating research results on adaptation.

### **Salary range**

The salary range for the position is CA\$51,868 – \$54,461. Some travel and research expenses are also supported, up to a maximum of CA\$15,000.

### **To apply**

Candidates must submit their application (academic resume, cover letter and research proposal) by December 9, 2016 to [cariaa@idrc.ca](mailto:cariaa@idrc.ca). Late and/or incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. We thank all applicants for their interest. Only candidates recommended for an award will be advised by email.

### **The research proposal:**

Applicants will write a short proposal explaining how they plan to work collaboratively within the CARIAA network to identify topics for synthesis, and lead collaborative teams in writing such synthesis pieces. Proposals must be seven pages maximum, double-spaced, in 12 point font, not inclusive of bibliography, and it must include ALL of the following information, presented in separate headings:

- A description of the purpose of the research;
- Methodology;
- Ethical considerations;
- Your contribution to CARIAA;
- How you will benefit from participating in this professional development award.

**Have questions?** Contact [cariaa@idrc.ca](mailto:cariaa@idrc.ca)