

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IDRC Professional Development Award

Deadline: December 10, 2015

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). It is aiming to help build the resilience of poor people to climate change by supporting 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 over a year and a half 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: 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 development of a methodology to structure cross-project learning, and the identification of themes for synthesis at the programmatic-level, in the context of CARIAA. The position is based at IDRC's head office in Ottawa, Canada. The recipient will work under the mentorship of a project officer. The recipient will also carry out other tasks in support of the program - as described below.

Terms of Reference

- **Conducting the research project.** Under the program officer's guidance, the recipient will revise and finalize the research proposal and submit a final research report at the end of the award period.
- **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 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 on the edge of the May

2016 Adaptation Futures conference. This event will allow the CARIIA team and the Awardee to test the findings from this process and validate the strategy.

- **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 pursuing doctoral studies at a Canadian university or having completed a doctoral program at a recognized university in the last five years. The candidates must demonstrate a specialization in climate change adaptation and experience in communicating research results on adaptation.

To apply

Candidates must submit their application (resume, cover letter and research proposal) by December 10, 2015 to 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 should include:

Proposals must be 10 pages maximum, double-spaced, in 12 point font, not inclusive of bibliography, and include ALL of the following information, presented in separate headings:

- Research topic (already mentioned above);
- Research objectives (already mentioned above);
- Methodology;
- Ethical considerations;
- Your contribution to CARIIA;
- How you will benefit from participating in this professional development award.

Have questions? Contact cariaa@idrc.ca