

## Canadian Window on International Development Awards International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

These awards reflect the fact that the boundaries between international development policy and domestic policy increasingly parallel similar problems in developing countries so that both Canada and the less developed countries benefit from research on these issues. The complexities of national economic and social development in Canada are increasingly evident, and are often related to international issues. Similarly Canadian trade, investment, immigration and other policies often affect development in less developed countries. These awards will support research that illustrates these interrelationships. In principle, *IDRC* supports research on all parts of the developing regions of the world. At this time, Fellowships and Awards is not supporting awards which involve research in Burma, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Eastern Europe or Central Asia.

### Special Feature of this Award

Successful candidates will propose comparative research requiring data from both Canada and a developing country to better understand the common, interrelated problem/issue, identified by the applicant. Selection will favor proposals that demonstrate:

- ✓ the **relevance** of the research topic for Canada and for the developing country or countries being studied; and
- ✓ the close **linkage** between the international and national component of the topic.

Successful proposals will also identify the potential for Canada and the developing country to learn from one another in dealing with the shared problem or issue.

### Two Types of Canadian Window on International Development Awards

**1)** IDRC offers one award for **doctoral research** that explores the relationship between Canadian aid, trade, immigration, diplomatic policy, etc, and international development and the alleviation of global poverty.

**2)** A second award will be granted for **doctoral or master's research** into a problem that is common to First Nations or Inuit communities in Canada and a developing region of the world.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- ✓ Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency status in Canada, or hold a citizenship of a developing country;
- ✓ Be registered at a Canadian university;
- ✓ Be conducting the proposed research for a doctoral or Master's dissertation;
- ✓ Must have completed course work and passed comprehensive examinations by the time of the award tenure.

**Please note:** Master's level students are only eligible to apply for the award pertaining to research into the First Nations or Inuit communities and a developing country.

### Duration

Award tenure corresponds to a period of field research, which will be no less than 3 months and, in general, no more than 12 months.

### Value

**A maximum of \$20,000** per year will be awarded, to cover justifiable field research expenses. Candidates must propose a budget that covers the costs of fieldwork in Canada and/or other developing countries.

Please note that living expenses incurred at the researcher's home base will not be supported.

### Number of Awards

2 to 3 per year, depending on the final budget of the proposals.

### **Deadlines**

**April 1, 2010** (awards will be announced in September 2010).

### **Applications**

Candidates must secure a short statement (no longer than 1 page, single-spaced, using a 12 pitch font) from their thesis supervisor which:

- 1) explains how he or she sees the proposed research conforming with the overall objective of this award to better understand an aspect of Canada's development in the light of comparative research on social, economic, political, cultural etc. issues in a developing region of the world;
- 2) explains how the candidate's proposal fits within the research interests of the department in which the student is registered.

Applications will be evaluated according to criteria, such as relevance to sustainable and equitable development and to IDRC priorities, quality of the research proposal and suitability of the candidate.

**Re-applicants**, whose research proposal was reviewed and was unsuccessful, must explain, in a covering letter, what changes have been made since the last application and specify where to find the changes in the proposal. **Please note that Centre policy stipulates that an individual cannot apply more than twice, if unsuccessful, for the same IDRC award.** However, this policy does not apply for Internship Awards.

If there are ethical questions connected with the research, the applicant may, at IDRC's discretion, be required to submit the appropriate approval for the Ethic's Committee of the University.

Please submit all documents listed in the [List of Supporting Documents to be Submitted](#). Complete applications must be received at the Centre by the deadline. Incomplete applications **will NOT** be considered for the competition. Applications must be sent to the following address:

#### **By regular mail, Canada Post Priority Post or XPRESSPOST:**

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Fellowships and Awards  
International Development Research Centre (IDRC)  
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Ottawa, Ontario  
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#### **By courier services:**

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For the [List of Supporting Documents to be Submitted](#) and for further information:  
[http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-23376-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-23376-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)