

Call for Applications

The Adaptation Finance Fellowship Programme 2017/2018

Research Track

Application Deadline: 31st October 2016

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) are proud to present the IDRC funded Adaptation Finance Fellowship Programme (AFFP) – Linking Research, Policy and Business.

About AFFP

The purpose of this Fellowship Program is to support and promote exceptional individuals from the scientific community, policy and private sector who are active in a climate adaptation finance related field and to bring those groups together to discuss and analyse current challenges and opportunities in adaptation and adaptation finance from policy, private sector and research angle. Therefore, the programme is divided into the three tracks research, policy and business.

Research-Track

For the research track, the AFFP invites PhD candidates, post-graduates and early career researchers from developing and emerging countries to apply for funding to carry out research related to climate change adaptation finance. The objective is to make sure that the young researchers are equipped with in-depth understanding of the mechanics of climate change adaptation and adaptation finance, particularly the knowledge and vision of how to support adaptation projects in their respective home countries. Moreover, this program aims to provide these fellows with opportunity to engage in a constructive dialogue with each other, which ultimately would result in a creation of network of well-versed researchers who are committed to adaptation finance. The fellows in the research track are required to discuss research idea and present research paper to fellows from other tracks to link it to policy or business angle. **For the Research Track, the AFFP seeks to recruit six (6) fellows for the first cohort 2017/2018.**

Activities under the Fellowship Program

- Participation in kick-off workshop in Frankfurt
- 6-month E-learning course on Adaptation Finance
- Working on research papers
- Participation in a Summer Academy in Frankfurt, guided by internationally recognized trainers in adaptation finance.
- Webinar series including Presentation of Research Papers
- Participation in a closing workshop in Bangkok

Remark: Participation in these activities is required.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a PhD candidate or a mid-career researcher working in climate change adaptation and / or finance at universities, public/private research institutes or action research NGOs.
- Showing strong motivation and commitment to take responsibility and to stay with the programme.
- Be proficient in English (both written and oral).

Eligible expenses

Each research fellow will receive a maximum research grant of USD 16,000 which will be paid in three installments according to the progress of research work. Research grants cover the following research expenses: costs associated with field research or desk-based research, survey cost, compensation for research assistants, equipment costs, the dissemination of research findings, and other research expenses. Research funds may not be used to fund applicants' salaries, tuition fees or other training costs.

How to apply?

Please submit your application on the AFFP webpage www.adaptation-fellowships.org via the online application form. **Your application should include:**

1. Research Proposal, including:

- A description of your research questions, conceptual framework, and methodology, illustrating how your project is related to climate change adaptation finance.
- A timeline of your research or dissemination activities, clearly specifying the period for which you are seeking funding (including a detailed budget).

2. Your CV

3. Academic transcripts containing all grades obtained during your current degree program to date

4. Letter of Reference

Each applicant should have their academic supervisor submit a reference letter. This can be uploaded directly in the respective application form. The letter should include:

- Key benefits from the proposed research and how this research could contribute to climate change adaptation finance.
- Outlining feasibility of the research proposal.
- Confirmation of the status of the student's research proposal.

Key data:

- Deadline for application submissions is 31st October 2016
- The fellowship awards will be announced by end of 2016
- Duration of the programme: March 2017 – August 2018

Contact

Please visit our website www.adaptation-fellowships.org or contact us directly for further details. For questions related to the research track, please send an e-mail to the Program Manager at kornnadda@tdri.or.th with the subject line **“Adaptation Finance Fellowship Program – Application for Research Funding.”**

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