

CRDF GLOBAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Deadline: *March 8, 2020*

Summary:

CRDF Global has an immediate need to identify individuals currently working at the University of Maiduguri to become trained on biosafety, biosecurity, and biorisk management (BRM) topics. This cohort of individuals will serve as BRM experts not only to their colleagues at the University of Maiduguri, but also throughout the country and the region. The identified and selected individuals will work alongside a subject-matter expert to develop their skills in biosafety, biosecurity, and BRM as well as their abilities to teach and train other individuals. The selected cohort of trainers will actively participate throughout 2020 and attend three in-country trainings notionally scheduled for June, August, and November (see potential Timetable below).

CRDF Global will make all necessary travel arrangements and accommodations (travel, lodging, per diem, medical insurance, etc.) for all selected individuals.

Submission Requirements:

Each proposal must include:

- Statement of Interest that addresses the following details:
 - List of recent experience in biosafety, biosecurity, and biorisk management (BRM), including your current knowledge and experience
 - Demonstrate your ability to work alongside other trainers as part of a team and your vision for training others on BRM initiatives
- A resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- A scanned, color copy of your current passport/national ID for travel purposes
- Letter of Support on official letterhead, signed and dated by your supervisor confirming their approval of your participation in the training. The letter of support should clearly state: your full name, your position title, institution/department name, and your supervisor's consent for you to participate in this event.

Timetable:

7 February 2020: Call for submissions open

8 March 2020: Call for submissions closes

1 May 2020: Preliminary selection of trainers

June 2020 [exact date TBD]: BRM training event in Abuja, Nigeria

August 2020 [exact date TBD]: Train-the-Trainer training event

November 2020 [exact date TBD]: In-person BRM training sessions

Submission:

All submissions should be sent as electronic documents in PDF or Word format to [Zach Goble](mailto:Zach_Goble) at zgoble@crdfglobal.org by **March 8, 2020**.

The subject line of the submission must read:

“CRDF Global RFI Submission_[Insert Name of Submitter]”

Selection Criteria:

CRDF Global is evaluating candidates on the following criteria:

- Current expertise and knowledge of biosafety, biosecurity, and biorisk management topics
- Ability to work in a team and help move forward biosafety, biosecurity, and BRM initiatives
- Early to mid-career individuals working at the University of Maiduguri
- Availability to participate throughout 2020 in all trainings per the estimated Timetable above

Background:

Founded in 1995, CRDF Global is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration through grants, technical resources, training, and services. Based in Arlington, Virginia with offices in the Eurasia and MENA regions, CRDF Global works with more than 40 countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Eurasia, and Asia. We specialize in bringing isolated scientific communities into the scientific mainstream through a variety of science engagement and capacity-building programs. CRDF Global encourages science cooperation between countries where official relations are strained.

CRDF Global supports the U.S. Department of State’s Biosecurity Engagement Program (BEP), whose mission is to reduce the risks posed by biological threats through working with governments, scientists and other stakeholders to build sustainable capacity for biosecurity, biosafety, and disease surveillance.

More information is available at www.crdglobal.org and <http://bepstate.net/>.