

### Securing Biological Supply Chains Training Grants for South and Southeast Asia

Competition Opens:	July 20, 2021
Application Deadline:	November 01, 2021
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Securing Biological Materials, Equipment, and Knowledge through Due Diligence &amp; Know-Your-Customer Trainings</li> <li>• Applicants may apply individually or as a team.</li> <li>• Members of a team must be nationals of at least one of the following countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Pakistan, Slovenia, Vietnam, or Singapore.</li> <li>• Institutional and/or managerial approval is required for applications to be considered for this competition.</li> </ul>
How to Apply:	By email to <a href="mailto:techtrainings@crdfglobal.org">techtrainings@crdfglobal.org</a> .
General Area:	Security Studies
Award Amounts:	USD 10,000.00
Award Duration:	Up to four months
Announcement and Application:	On CRDF Global's website: <a href="https://www.crdfglobal.org/funding-opportunities/securing-biological-supply-chains-training-grants-south-and-southeast-asia">https://www.crdfglobal.org/funding-opportunities/securing-biological-supply-chains-training-grants-south-and-southeast-asia</a>

#### Overview:

CRDF Global will award grants to selected applicants from South and Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe to support trainings on securing biological supply chains through updated due diligence and know-your-customer best practices. These grants are a one-time award of up to \$10,000.

Grantees will be expected to hold a training for stakeholders in their country on how to provide due diligence and know-your-customer best practices to secure biological materials, equipment, and knowledge and to expand knowledge and skills of countering revisionist states.

#### Training Scope:

The rapid development of the South and Southeast Asian biotech sector, its increasing number of high-containment laboratories and growing volume of dual-use research of concern make this region a prime opportunity space for resurgent BW states to procure sensitive biological equipment, technology, and materials. The threat is particularly acute for smaller manufacturers, distributors and shippers of sensitive biological technology where due diligence best practices and oversight are less ingrained to nonexistent.

Preventing the transfer of technologies with WMD-applications requires building public awareness within those communities most targeted by nefarious state actors for their scientific and technological expertise, knowledge, methodologies, and even nascent-stage research. This effort seeks to advance international norms and best practices of free, fair, and transparent scientific exchange while increasing awareness of dual use and WMD-applicable concerns for scientists and biotechnology production companies.

CRDF Global seeks applications for grants to fund local and independent trainings and expand the reach of the preceding Train-the-Trainer workshops. It will provide local partners from the biotech industry, research laboratories, law enforcement and government watchdog groups. with the necessary resources to conduct their own follow-on trainings on recognizing resurgent state biological weapons threats, implementing biological supply chain best practices, and remaining cognizant and compliant with unilateral and multilateral sanctions related to resurgent state BW proliferation.

## **Eligibility**

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## **Application Materials:**

- A completed application and supporting documents with all application sections filled out, including:
  - Completed training application form;
  - Completed Budget
  - Host institution approval;
  - Completed training budget form including budget description;
  - Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume and passport/national ID copy for trainers and any additional staff members;
  - Training agenda;
  - Training material (if it exists already; if not, please submit a one-paragraph description of the material).
  - Application materials and research products must be submitted in English.

## **Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

A panel of subject matter experts will evaluate applications based on the following criteria.

- Biological security impact;
  - How does this proposal apply core concepts featured in the Securing Biological Materials, Equipment, and Knowledge through Due Diligence & Know-Your-Customer Trainings?
  - How does this proposal build on the materials developed under the Securing Biological Materials, Equipment, and Knowledge through Due Diligence & Know-Your-Customer Trainings?
  - Does the targeted audience include biotechnology logistics officials, industry compliance officers, purchasing officers, biosecurity officers, research laboratories, academia, makers laboratories, and any relevant staff responsible for logistics, vetting, and/or order approvals
- Clarity, accuracy, and detail of training proposal; and



- Is the project clearly outlined and possible to successfully accomplish? Can the project feasibly be completed during the grant period?
- Sustainability plan and local/institutional support for the training.
  - Does the application's organization demonstrate commitment to the project by offering any complimentary financial, logistical, and/or personnel support?

### **Additional Information**

- For detailed information regarding general CRDF Global grant policies please visit: [https://www.crdfglobal.org/sites/default/files/CRDF\\_Global\\_Competitions\\_FAQ\\_0.pdf](https://www.crdfglobal.org/sites/default/files/CRDF_Global_Competitions_FAQ_0.pdf)
- For additional questions regarding the grant competition please email to [techtrainings@crdfglobal.org](mailto:techtrainings@crdfglobal.org)