**Cooperative Nonproliferation Controls to Support Global University Research and Security**

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| Competition Opens:  | April 01, 2022 |
| Application Deadline:  | August 31, 2022 |
| Eligibility:  | Nationals of Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Turkey who are affiliated with a university that conducts work in the STEM fields (If you are not from one of these countries but are interested please email sholcomb@crdfglobal.org)  |
| How to Apply:  | By email to sholcomb@crdfglobal.org |
| General Area:  | Security Studies  |
| Award Amounts:  | USD 16,500  |
| Award Duration:  | Nine months |
| Announcement and Application:  | On CRDF Global’s website:  |

Overview:

* CRDF Global will award grants globally to a researcher or team of researchers at STEM-focused universities to conduct research and host an event relating to nonproliferation controls in universities. Topics will be chosen by the grantees.
* Grants are a one-time, nine-month award of approximately $16,500. Application documents include a completed application, planned budget, and CVs of all researchers on the team. All applicants will need to include a detailed budget to determine what grant total will be necessary.

Research Scope:

CRDF Global is working with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) to build an understanding of national implementation of nonproliferation controls in universities, in the specific context of targeted research and how implications of emerging technologies for international security are affecting universities and research settings.

Grant recipients will:

1. Conduct research and write a research-focused report on a topic related to securing research at universities, threats to research and research institutions. Please note: this grant is not for the purpose of conducting experimental research.
2. Actively promote this research through an event such as, but not limited to, a publication event, a roundtable, or workshops at relevant universities.

The research may explore emerging risks and challenges within the university and research institution context and/or address national-level solutions to the issues of protecting research and implementing guidance and/or controls. During the research, planning, and writing phase, all awardees will work with experts at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies who will advise and support the project.

**Eligibility**

* Applicants may apply individually or as a team.
* Members of research team must be nationals of Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Turkey who are affiliated with an academic institution or professional association of scientists and researchers
* Institutional and/or managerial approval is required for applications to be considered for this competition
* Indian Institutions must be legally exempt from the FCRA Registration requirement and submit sufficient exemption documents or have the FCRA Registration and the correspondent bank account.

**Application Materials:**

* A completed application and supporting documents with all application sections filled out, including:
	+ A one-page abstract and proposed action plan, stating the research question, a summary of the proposed methodology, a brief review of existing literature on the topic and possible and feasible ways to disseminate research outcomes within the professional community. The abstract should be double-spaced in 12-point font no more than 900 words. The application should include specific plans on what kind of event or other method of research dissemination and promotion will be conducted.
	+ Proposed detailed budget: Please note, the primary sheet of the budget should be used to fill out the project budget. Any Institutional support should be filled out in the CostShare tab.
	+ The curriculum vitae (CV) and passport or state-issued ID card for each individual on the research team. The CVs should be sent as a single PDF document.
	+ A list of relevant references.
* 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.

1. Policy relevance and impact:
	* Does the proposed project address a pressing policy concern?
2. Sustainability and commitment
	* Does the applicant’s organization demonstrate commitment to the project by offering any complimentary financial, logistical, and/or personnel support?
	* Ability to sustain the project and support research outcome dissemination after the grant ending period
3. Clarity, feasibility, and detail
	* Is the project clearly outlined and possible to successfully accomplish? Can the project feasibly be completed during the grant period?
4. Past performance
	* Do applicants have a track record of high-quality research on matters relating to responsible science & research such as: science integrity, information security, data governance, responsible technology, institutional compliance, dual-use knowledge and technology, and/or intangible technology transfer?

**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>
* For additional questions regarding the grant competition please email techtrainings@crdfglobal.org