

Questions for 009 and 011 SME RFP:

A proposal that the document you sent refers to, does it have to be drafted by individual applicants or organizations?

CRDF Global will consider responses from individual experts, teams, and organizations.

One of the eligibility requirements is the ability to travel. Due to some legal aspects, I will not be able to leave Canada for the next year. Will this be a problem? Does this disqualify me, or substantially reduce my chances to get the grant?

CRDF Global is planning to implement the proposed trainings in-person (unless local or international COVID requirements change) and will prioritize recruitment of SMEs who are able to travel to the regions to deliver the trainings. The grantee mentorship component will be all virtual and experts may apply for only this portion of the RFI.

Would the project need to identify a specific project partner based in the territories of interest or are there potential partners on the ground in Africa and Latin America that CRDF has already identified that might be a good fit?

CRDF Global will be separately recruiting for local partners in each region to assist with participant recruitment for the planned engagements. If you have someone or an organization in mind that would be interested, you can include them in your submitted response and put forward a team proposal. While including local or regional experts would make the RFI response more competitive, it is not required.

It sounds like what is envisioned is a framework that would be inclusive of training in situ up front and then further engagement with select partners on the ground who might carry forward research in the area of interest over the course of six months. Am I getting that right? That correctly captures the scope of the RFI. In their response, experts can clarify if they are interested in the full RFI (in leading all 4 trainings and providing mentorship for grantees) or only certain parts.

Is there a CAP on the amount?

CRDF Global has launched the RFI to identify interested SMEs and will select experts whose responses provide the best value and offer a competitive cost proposal based on their qualifications related to the contractor requirements.