Support to Improve Climate Research and Information Services in South Asia

Application Guidelines

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Compulsory criteria

Applicants must

a) be a citizen of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal or Pakistan and be resident in one of those countries. [however, it may be possible for an application to come from a person who is a refugee or exiled outside these countries]

b) be working on climate change, preferably in relation to the South Asia region (which may extend beyond the four focus countries to other parts of South Asia), or, if appropriate, doing work on climate change beyond the region;

c) have a project that can lead to a paper for publication, or a paper that can potentially be submitted for publication. The project or paper can involve more than one author, but to be eligible only ONE author must apply, giving clear details of all authors, and specifying as clearly as possible the proportion of effort between the different authors. Applications will not be accepted from Doctoral supervisors or Project directors who themselves have not been actively involved in the research.

d) be able to provide the organisers with a draft of the paper, if the application is based on submitting a paper

e) have excellent English in order to benefit from the fellowship or writing workshop, and to have an enhanced chance of success in publishing in an English-language journal.

f) be committed to working with a mentor during the fellowship or during and after the writing workshop, to completing a paper, and to seeing it through the publications process

Other criteria (based on points and ranking system, ranging from 0 to 5)

Preference will be given to applicants who score well on the relevant criteria:

g) are in early or mid-career. Those in more senior positions may apply if they can demonstrate that it would significantly increase their contribution to science through peer review publication;

h) have already demonstrated capacity to publish by having appeared in a non-international journal, working paper or other format;

i) (where relevant) have recently completed a doctoral thesis from which a publication is a significant possibility

j) have a paper that is sufficiently developed that the author will benefit from support and mentoring, with the draft available as part of the selection process;

Other issues and conditions
Multiple authors of papers/ projects
We recognize that many authors will be parts of a project team or may be writing a paper together with others. The fellowships and writing workshops are not offered to teams or multiple authors, and applicants should realise that they cannot form a team to make an application. However, if an applicant is already working with others, then an application can be made by the lead author. The applicant will need to:

- indicate the list of all authors and their institutions,
- provide proof (e.g. emails) from all other authors that they agree to the applicant receiving a fellowship or writing workshop place. They will need to agree to the proportion of effort each has contributed, and the applicant must be the lead author (i.e. contribute the largest share of effort, and/or be recognized by the others as the lead author).

In exceptional cases, where it is demonstrated that there are two leading authors, both may be considered to share a fellowship (but only one may attend a writing workshop).

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants (for fellowships and writeshops) must provide:
- a fully completed application form, which can be completed online on www.teriin.org/projects/sicrisa or downloaded from the project website www.sicrisa.org.

If your project involves a team and your paper has multiple authors, you must additionally provide a list of all authors and their institutions and the proportion of effort each has contributed to the work.

If your application is successful, you will be asked to provide a document that is signed by all other authors that they agree to the applicant receiving a fellowship or writing workshop place. They will need to agree to the proportion of effort each has contributed, and the applicant must be the lead author (i.e. contribute the largest share of effort, and/or be recognised by the others as the lead author. Final selection will be subject to submission of this document.

Candidates applying for a fellowship must additionally provide:
- An institutional statement of support from the employer, including the arrangements that would enable the applicant to take up the fellowship;
- A statement (with evidence) of the costs of time required for up to one month, and a clear plan of how that time would be used.
- If you would like the panel to consider providing additional funding to improve/ expand/ analyse your data, please also provide a short budget as a separate document.

Applicants for fellowships can include more than one author if a project involves a team and the relevant paper has multiple authors. This will be at the discretion of the project team, and must not exceed two people. A clear indication must be given of the share of writing and responsibility in the project. Supervisors or project directors who do not have a direct role in the research itself are not eligible.

How to submit your application

- A full application, including completed application form and any other required documents must be emailed to sicrisa@ids.ac.uk or submitted online on www.teriin.org/projects/sicrisa by 17.00 (Delhi time) on 21 February 2012
- Please do not include any other documents (e.g. references, diplomas, training certificates etc.) as these will not be evaluated.

Please make sure to submit your application in time as we will not be able to consider applications received after the deadline.

Applications cannot be received in any other form, therefore please do not send us CVs or applications in other formats.

If you are applying for a writing workshop please ensure that you have a valid passport at the time of applying to enable the processing of tickets and visas as quickly as possible should you be successful with your application.