



KOICA Development Research Award 2014

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Q1. What is the KOICA Development Research Award?

The KOICA Development Research Award (KOICA Award) is a competitive prize administered by GDN and funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The prize identifies and **recognizes completed research papers** that engage in promising growth studies investigating the salient features of **Korea's growth experience** and provide an interesting analytical benchmark to analyze growth issues and prospects in developing countries.

Korea refers to Republic of Korea or South Korea.

Q2. What is the research theme for the KOICA Development Research Award?

Completed research papers will be considered in theme of **Relevance of Korea's Development Experience for Developing Countries**. For a more detailed description of the theme, please refer to the [Award Guidelines](#).

Q3. What is the grant amount for the different prize categories of the KOICA Award?

The KOICA Development Research Award will be given out in the following prize categories:

- **First Prize: USD 8,000**
- **Second Prize: USD 6,000**
- **Third Prize: USD 4,000**

In addition, there are three special prizes:

- **KOICA President's Award for the Best Submission from a researcher or team of researchers from the 26 Priority Partner Countries of KOICA¹: USD 4,000**
- **KOICA Award for the Best Submission from a Young Researcher/Team (the individual researcher must be under 30 years; in case of a team submission, at least one researcher must be under 30 years of age and all team members must be under 35 years of age): USD 3,000**
- **KOICA Award for the Best Submission from a Woman Researcher/Team of Women Researchers: USD 3,000.**

The winners of this competition will also be provided an opportunity to travel to Seoul, Korea in late summer 2014 to attend the prize distribution ceremony. Travel and other related expenses for the winners (for either the individual winner or one team member from the winning team) to attend this event will be borne by GDN.

Eligibility

Q4. Is there any age limit for the KOICA Award?

¹ The KOICA's 26 Priority Partner Countries are named in **bold** as well as *italics* within the list of eligible countries.

There is no age limit to apply for the competition. However, qualifying individual applicants, under the age of 30 years as of 15 April, 2014, will also be considered for the award for young researcher(s). Teams can also compete for this award provided that at least one team member is under 30 years of age and all other team members are below 35 years of age as of 15 April 2014.

Q5. Is the KOICA Award open to researchers from all developing countries and transition economies?

The KOICA Award is only open to **researchers who are nationals of certain developing countries**. Given below is the full list of eligible countries:

Africa	Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon ; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Comoros; Congo, Democratic Republic of ; Congo, Republic of; Cote d'Ivoire; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia ; Gambia, The; Ghana ; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mozambique ; Niger; Nigeria ; Rwanda ; Sao Tome and Principe; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sudan; South Sudan; Swaziland; Tanzania; Togo; Uganda ; Zambia; Zimbabwe.
Central Asia	Kyrgyz Republic; Tajikistan; Uzbekistan
Eastern Europe	Armenia; Azerbaijan ; Georgia; Moldova; Ukraine
East Asia and Pacific	Cambodia ; Indonesia ; Kiribati; Lao PDR ; Marshall Islands; Micronesia; Fed. Sts.; Mongolia ; Myanmar; Papua New Guinea; Philippines ; Samoa; Solomon Islands ; Timor-Leste ; Tonga; Vanuatu; Vietnam
Latin America and Caribbean	Belize; Bolivia ; Colombia ; El Salvador; Guatemala; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Nicaragua; Paraguay ; Peru
South Asia	Afghanistan; Bangladesh ; Bhutan; Nepal ; Pakistan ; Sri Lanka
Middle East and North Africa	Djibouti; Egypt, Arab Republic of; Iraq; Morocco; Palestine; Syrian Arab Republic; Yemen, Republic of

Note: The countries listed above in **bold** and *italics* are KOICA's 26 Priority Partner Countries.

Q6. I am a national of an eligible country. However, I am currently residing in a country that is not in the eligible list. Can I apply?

Nationals of eligible developing countries currently residing in a foreign country are eligible to apply provided they have not been living in the foreign country for more than 5 consecutive years as of 15 April 2014. **This should be clearly shown in the CV and personal information provided.**

Q7. Are past and current GDN employees eligible to apply?

Previous and current employees of GDN (*including interns and members of evaluation teams*) are not

eligible to apply **up till 5 years** from the completion of their tenure.

Q8. There are more than three authors to our paper. Can we apply?

In case of more than three authors to your paper, please write to us at gdnkoica@gdn.int for further information.

Process

Q9. Where can I submit my application?

To submit, please visit GDN's **Online Submissions Platform** using the following internet link: www.gdn.int/kdra2014. Please refer to the Guidelines for detailed instructions on how to apply.

Q10. The Online Submission Platform is not opening on my web browser. What do I do?

If the Online Submissions Platform is not opening on your web browser, please ensure that either of the following web browsers is installed on your computer.

- Chrome version 22.x (November 2012) or higher
- Firefox version 16.x (November 2012) or higher
- Internet Explorer Version 9.x (March 2011) or higher

These browsers can also be downloaded. If you still unable to access and submit your application through the Online Submissions Platform, please contact us at gdnkoica@gdn.int, with the subject line: 'KOICA Award – Application Request'.

Q11: I have forgotten the password to my online submission platform profile. What do I do?

In case you have forgotten the password to your online platform, log on to www.gdnint/kdra2014 and click on **“Login Help”**. You will see a pop-up box where you will be asked to type and submit your registered email address. After sending the details, you will receive a reset password email link to your registered email address.

Q12. What is the application process?

The application along with the documents specified in the guidelines (available online: [Award Guidelines](#)) should be submitted as **electronic files** only through the Online Submissions Platform (www.gdn.int/kdra2014). Please note that we do not accept hard copy of applications or those sent through post.

Q13. What is the last date for submitting an application?

The closing date for the contest has been extended. The last date for submitting your application is **30 April, 2014 (Indian Standard Time 6:00 PM)**.

Q14. Will you inform the applicants of the application status?

Reminders will be sent for your application to be completed. GDN, however, cannot write to each applicant after the close of the competition. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

For more information on the competition, the complete eligibility criteria and selection process please read the guidelines (available online: [Award Guidelines](#)). **Please note that applications that do not follow the guidelines will NOT be considered.** If you have further question(s) which are not addressed through the guidelines and this FAQ, please feel free to write to us at gdnkoica@gn.int for further information.