



**Global Development Awards Competition
Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development 2026**

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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General Information

Title of the research proposal	
Primary geographic coverage of the research	
Geographic coverage of the research	
Principal Investigator - Name	
Principal Investigator - Email	
Principal Investigator - Affiliated Institution	
Principal Investigator - Number of published peer reviewed articles	
Principal Investigator – CV	<i>CV to be uploaded</i>

Abstract of the research proposal

Guiding questions

- *Accurately summarize the overall context, rationale and policy relevance of the proposed study.*
- *Describe the importance of the study within the context of the theme.*

Max 2500 characters with spaces

How did you hear about the Competition?

Choose as many options as necessary

University/Institution notice board		Facebook	
Conferences		Twitter	
Friend/ colleague		Google	
GDN email		LinkedIn	
GDN website		SSRN	
GDNNews (GDN Newsletter)		EPW	
Newspapers		Devex	

Journals		Devnet	
Newsletters (Other than GDN's)		Other sources – please specify	

Summary of the team's research expertise

Guiding questions

- Explain how team members beyond the PI complement the team, in terms of academic and research management expertise (if applicable)
- Describe the experience team members have in working together

Max 2000 characters with spaces

Research institution

Guiding question

- Brief description of the research institution where the PI is based and how the proposed research might fit in its research focus or the research focus of research units within it.
- Experience of the institution in supporting internationally funded projects, and size range of international research grants administered by the institution

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Research proposal information

What is the Research Question you propose to explore?

Guiding questions

- Which is your research question?
- What are the specific issues to be addressed within the overall context of the competition theme?
- What are the objectives of the study?

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State of the Art (Literature review)

Guiding questions

- What is known, from existing literature, about the specific question you are asking?
- What aspects of the topic remain unexplored in the literature, and why?
- How does it differ from existing studies on similar issues?
- Provide references of your desk review research in the "References" section

Max 3000 characters with spaces

Relevant research experience in the chosen topic

Guiding questions

- *Have you developed or published previous work on similar issues?*
- *How does this research fit in your recent or current research priorities and achievements? How does it advance it?*
- *Provide references of your desk review research in the "References" section*

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References

Present in the table below all references to research papers, policy documents or another other relevant document referred throughout this proposal.

ID	Title	Authors	Link
1			
2			
...			

Methodology

Research design and proposed methodology

Guiding questions

- Outline the research design to answer the research question.
- Describe the methods to be employed, and the reason for this choice.
- Highlight the innovativeness and originality of the chosen research design.

Max 20000 characters with spaces

What data (qualitative and/or quantitative) do you need to carry out the project?

Guiding questions

- What data is already available?
- What access issues do you foresee with regard to data yet to be collected?

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Policy implications

What specific development policy challenge does the proposed research focus on?

Guiding questions

- What specific policy outcome(s) does the proposed research aim to advance, directly or indirectly?
- What is the geographical focus of the project, and its broader relevance beyond the immediate geographic focus of the study proposed (if applicable)?

Max 2500 characters with spaces

How does the proposed research project aim to address the policy challenge(s) identified above is the previous question?

Guiding questions

- *What strategies are currently being used to address these challenges (if any)?*
- *How will your research project build on existing knowledge/work?*
- *In what ways are policy actors currently engaged with this challenge?*

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Ethical considerations

What ethical challenges might the project pose, directly or indirectly?

Guiding questions

- How might the project impact the specific vulnerability of stakeholders involved or affected by the project?
- What ethics clearance framework and process will the research be regulated by? (Please specify relevant institutional or national ethics review processes, if any, the researcher needs to comply with as part of his/her affiliation)

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Budget

Please provide a budget for the proposed project taking into consideration that all expected costs including data collection, travel and equipment must be included. Please note that participation in conferences will not be funded through the proposed funding.

Note: Budget should be planned according to the 1st prize of USD 30,000. The 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be requested to revise their budget and adapt to the prize money of each place.

Item	Details	Cost (US \$)	Total (US \$)
Personnel			
Primary Researcher			
Research team members			
Support Staff			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
Total Personnel			\$
Data Collection			
Questionnaire/Interviews			
Field Staff			
Travel			
Accommodation			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			

<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
Total Data Collection			\$
Equipment			
IT Equipment			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
Total Equipment			\$
Other Costs			
Institutional Overheads			
Dissemination			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
Total Other Costs			\$
Total Project Cost			\$

Budget narrative
Provide a brief narrative to explain the budget proposed for the project
<u>Guiding questions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Link the use of funds to the research project as it is structured with the timeline.</i> • <i>Please explain the choices you made in building the budget, and the rationale for the proposed allocation of funds.</i>
<i>Max 2000 characters with spaces</i>

Is the proposed project receiving funds from a third party?
The proposal must not be receiving or scheduled to receive funds from other sources to be eligible unless it is clearly explained how the additional funds provided by the ORD would reinforce the existing funds for successful completion of the research.
<u>Guiding questions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If yes, please state basic grant information on this funding (sources, amounts and project duration).</i> • <i>What financial or in-kind support is the proposed study likely to receive from the institution of affiliation or other establishments?</i>
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Timeline

Please provide a timeline for the proposed project providing a description for the task, the initial and final month to complete it and to which milestone it corresponds to (ideally linking it to the steps of the project described throughout the application).

Please download the template from the portal and upload it filled.

#	Description	Initial Month	Final Month	Milestone
1				
2				
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Details of the Research Team

For each team member, the following information is required

First name		Last name	
Designation		Telephone	
Organization		Fax	
Address			
Country of Residence		Country of Citizenship	
Date of Birth		Gender	
E-mail			
Role in the research and key responsibilities			
CV	Upload CV		