Global Development Awards Competition 2019

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Q1. What is the Global Development Awards Competition?

One of the largest international competitions for research on development, the Global Development Awards Competition is open to researchers who are nationals and citizens of developing and transition countries, and to development practitioners from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) headquartered in these countries. The emphasis is on supporting promising young talent in the field of development research, and rewarding innovative development projects capable of significantly impacting the local communities in the developing world.

The competition **usually** comprises of two awards:
- *Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD)*: This Award is for early-career researchers from developing and transition countries who are seeking to explore any of the three competition themes (listed below) through their **research proposals** in an original, innovative and policy-relevant way.
- *Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP)*: This Award is for exceptional, innovative **on-going development projects** by NGOs that have been able to implement activities with a high potential for development impact to exceptionally marginalized and disadvantaged groups located in developing and transition countries. Interested NGOs can apply in any of the same three competition themes listed below.

Q2. What are the research themes for the Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development 2019?

Research Proposals will be considered in the main topic ***Doing social research in developing countries: the role of non-academic actors, new communication platforms and leadership*** divided into three sub-themes:
1. Understanding and measuring the role of non-academic researchers in development
2. The role of social media in the production, diffusion and uptake of development research in developing countries
3. The role of research leadership in advancing evidence-informed debate in developing countries

Q3. What is the grant amount for this edition of the Awards?

Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD): The grant amounts for the winners of the ORD program are the following:

      First Prize: **US$ 30,000**; Second Prize: **US$ 10,000**; Third Prize: **US$ 5,000**

All finalists will receive travel grants to GDN's annual conference in Bonn (Germany) between the 23rd and the 25th of October 2019. The travel grant will be for one person representing the shortlisted submission.

Q4. Is there no Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project on the Global Development Awards Competition 2019?

This edition will only run the ORD level of the awards as we are reviewing the entire framework to make it more efficient and rewarding to all parties and we will resume it next year.

<u>Eligibility</u>

Q5. What are the eligible countries for the Outstanding Research on Development category?
The ORD is open only to **researchers from low-income and middle-income countries** as per the World Bank classification[1]**,** with the requirement that they need to be nationals, citizens and current residents of any of these countries. Citizens of eligible countries currently residing in a non-eligible country are also eligible to apply only if they have been living in the non-eligible country for no more than five years as of **16 July 2019.**

Q6. Is there any age limit to apply for ORD?
The upper age limit for all applicants of ORD is **45 years as of 16 July 2019.** Individuals (including co-researchers) above 45 years of age as of 16 July 2019 are not eligible to apply.

Q7. Are previous winners and finalists eligible to apply?
Past ORD winners and finalists are not eligible to apply with the same or similar research proposal. Additionally, winners are not eligible to apply for a period of 3 years subsequent to the end of their agreement with GDN.

Q8. Are past and current employees of the Global Development Network eligible to apply?
Previous and current employees of GDN *(Including interns and members of evaluation teams)* or its Regional Network Partners are not eligible to apply **up till 5 years** from the completion of their tenure.

Q9. Can I apply under more than one theme?
Yes. An applicant may apply under more than one theme with different proposals, but only one proposal per theme is accepted.

Q10. Where can I submit my application?
For both categories, you can access the **online submission platform** from GDN's website using the following internet link: http://www.gdn.int/awards2019/apply

Q11: What is the application process?
The application along with the documents specified in the guidelines (available online: http://www.gdn.int/awards2019/apply) should be submitted as **electronic files** only through the online submission platform. Please note that we do not accept hard copy of applications or those sent through post.

Q12: What is the last date for submitting an application?
The last date for submitting your application for ORD is **26 July 2019.**

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[1] Please visit the following link for the list of countries which are recognized as low and middle income countries: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups

For more information on the competition, the complete eligibility criteria and selection process please read the guidelines (available online: http://www.gdn.int/awards2019/apply). **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 awards@gdn.int.

Q13: When will the grant be awarded?
Grants are conditional to the approval of the Global Awards Competition 2019-21 by the World Bank which is currently ongoing. Upon its conclusion, winners will be informed and the timeline for the implementation of the grant will be defined with the editing of the budget as well depending on the final classification and the amount awarded.