



MASTER'S DEGREE RESEARCH GRANT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Water-induced Disasters Risk Management Planning in Nepal

(DEADLINE: ROLLING BASIS)

About the Grant

The “Water-induced Disasters Risk Management Planning in Nepal” is a research project funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada and managed by a consortium led by Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF). The project was awarded under the initiative “Accelerating Climate Action: Social, Equity and Empowerment of Women and Girls”. The project aims to explore and unpack natural, social and development roots of water-induced disasters (WIDs) in the Extended East Rapti (EER) watershed in Central Nepal; devise strategies to minimize risks to WIDs, and strengthen the capacity of relevant stakeholders to manage and plan for disaster risk reduction.

The project has set up a Master’s Degree research grant to enhance and support the research capacity of students/researchers within universities in Nepal. Grants will be made available for research in the following core themes of the project.

- **Natural Roots of WID:** Related to hydro-climatic extremes, hydro-meteorological disasters (both floods and droughts), etc. that driver/exacerbate WIDs.
- **Social Roots of WID:** Related to exploration and understanding of social structures, phenomenon, and processes that drive/exacerbate WID and related vulnerabilities/resilience; including but not limited to gender and social inclusion (GESI) and migration.
- **Developmental Roots of WID:** Related to impacts of ill-considered and poorly executed development interventions and phenomenon result and enhance WID risks; including but not limited to road construction; drying up of springs; and water pollution.

Eligibility

- The applicant should be a Nepali citizen having full-time enrollment at Masters' Degree level in any university of Nepal.
- Funding is ONLY available for thesis work to be completed under the academic requirement. The scope of an applicant’s research must be within the three roots mentioned above. Applicants may submit proposals that aim to explore associations and linkages between two or all of the three roots of disasters.
- The proposed research must be conducted in or related to EER watershed.
- The proposal should demonstrate the applicant’s clear understanding of the proposed research.
- Women and applicants from disadvantaged groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Documents

- Duly filled application form (Annex-1)
- Research proposal in the prescribed format (Annex-2)
- Scanned copy of student ID card of university and undergraduate academic transcript.
- Proof of eligibility with regards to the applicant’s status and requirements under thesis work – scanned copy of official recommendation from the concerned department at the university.



Terms and Conditions for Funding

- Grants available under this call is for five Post Graduate students.
- Applications for Master's Degree Dissertation support can be requested for:
 - One grant maximum up to **NRs. 50,000** for Kathmandu based colleges
 - Four grants maximum up to **NRs. 25,000** for Chitwan and Makwanpur based colleges
- The research shall be conducted under (co) supervision of experts associated with the project.

Application Submission

- All application documents should be submitted in proper order as a single PDF file to Kribina Pathak (**Email:kribina.pathak@nwcf.org.np/ pathak.kribina@gmail.com**) and copy to Dr. Mina Adhikari (**maadhikari673@gmail.com**) as early as possible.

Further Information

- Shortlisted applicants will only be contacted and required to present their research proposal for competitive final selection.
- Please contact Ms. Kribina Pathak: Knowledge Management and Research Officer, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation, (**Email:kribina.pathak@nwcf.org.np/pathak.kribina@gmail.com**) for further information.