ASU Global Development Research Scholars
Achieving Impact around the World

As of 2017
54 ASU GDR Scholars have impacted 22 countries across the globe contributing to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development goals

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USAID | ASU Global Development Research Scholars GDR

Arizona State University is working with the U.S. Global Development Lab to offer research and innovation fellowships to graduate students. Focused on science, technology, and social sciences, the program’s goal is to solve development challenges through innovative research.

USAID | ASU Global Development Research Program allows students to work with cutting edge scientists, scholars, and innovators from around the globe, and provide the opportunity to form new and lasting professional networks.

Available opportunities for Applicants Graduate /Postdoctoral 2018:

- Summer GDR Program Funding (minimum 8 weeks) with awards up to $7,500
- Semester Long Program Funding with awards of approximately $10,000
- Year long Program Funding $18,000-$22,000

Any country in which USAID missions operate and meets ASU's travel safety guidelines (see complete list at usaid.gov/where-we-work) is eligible.

USAID | ASU GDR program will accept application starting Fall of 2017.

Application Process

- **STEP ONE • IDENTIFY A RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY:** anytime

To begin, students create an account on the GDR online catalog, located at gdrscholars.asu.edu

Identify a research opportunity in two ways:

1. **Search the catalog**, where they can filter existing opportunities by discipline, country, length of fellowship, and more. Upon identification of a suitable research, prospective scholar would click the Contact Host button to indicate their interest. At this stage they may express their interest to more than one host, but once the host interviews are finalized they are expected to commit to only one.

2. **Bring their own research opportunity to the catalog.** The host must be an in-country organization that is designated as a point of contact throughout the duration of the program. The host will submit their research opportunity to the catalog and will be vetted by ASU GDR program in meeting all the inclusion criteria.
• STEP TWO • APPLY TO HOST AND DEVELOP A WORK PLAN:  August–October 2017

Once prospective scholars have decided upon one opportunity and the host organization accepts the scholar as their top choice, host will send the scholar a letter of invitation that the scholar will use in their final application for the GDR program, and will mark the opportunity as “filled” on the website. The listing will still be viewable in the GDR catalog, but no one else will be able to apply.

Next, scholar will develop a work plan with the host (a template is provided at gdrscholars/apply). This is required for the application, and should be a a preliminary implementation plan intended to accomplish the goals of both the research and the stakeholder/host’s needs. Through this process, the project description may need to adjust, and this is acceptable as long as the core of the research remains in line with the original host application.

• STEP THREE • SUBMIT YOUR FINAL APPLICATION PACKAGE:  December 1, 2018

Prospective GDR Scholar Application Packet Must Include The Following:

- USAID cover form
- CV and cover letter
- letter of invitation from the host
- letter of reference from your faculty mentor
- work plan, developed with your host (template provided at gdrscholars/apply)
- proposed cost with an itemized budget (template provided at gdrscholars/apply)*

Final application package sent to ASUGDR by Dec 1. After consulting with committee made faculty and advisors, ASUGDR will submit the final roster of applicants to USAID, who will announce the awards in early January, 2018.

• STEP FOUR • MANDATORY PRE-DEPARTURE COURSE:  January – May, 2018

In spring of 2018, Selected GDR Scholars will be enrolled in a Project Management course, SOS 591, offered through the School of Sustainability. The course is designed to build the bridge between academic and practice-oriented skills needed to address sustainability challenges in the developing world.

The course takes a problem driven, culturally sensitive, and solution oriented approach to these challenges. Students are engaged with international development researchers and practitioners around the world to: a) better understand the complexity and inter-connectedness of local to global development challenges, b) get exposed to the international development landscape (key actors, organizations, and institutions), c) explore context specific solution pathways and transitions; d) assess these solution pathways using international development and sustainability metrics.

Upon completion of the GDR program, scholars are required to submit a final report to ASUGDR. The deadline for this report is one months from the date of the scholars return, and a template will be provided.
**STEP ONE**
- **Applicant**
  - attends information session *(optional)*
  - finds research opportunity in GDR online catalog
  - finds faculty mentor
- **Host**
  - submits research opportunity to GDR online catalog
  - USAID Mission reviews site submission
  - approved sites are added to the GDR online catalog

**STEP TWO**
- **GDR Online Catalog of Research Opportunities**
- **Applicant contacts host**
  - through GDR online catalog; initiates discussions to ensure mutual goals are met
- **Host accepts application**
  - and provides letter of invitation to applicant; marks opportunity as “filled” in the catalog

**STEP THREE**
- **Applicant and host**
  - develop work plan

**STEP FOUR**
- **DECEMBER 1, 2017**
  - Applicant submits final application
  - to gdrscholars@asu.edu
- **EARLY JANUARY 2018**
  - GDR Scholars Announced
- **JANUARY–MAY 2018**
  - Preparatory Course
  - Summer Departures begin
To apply, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident & qualified international students
- graduate student & post-doctoral Scholars
- hold a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- have completed at least three related graduate courses
- Two faculty recommendation

GDR will support Prospective Scholars by:

- providing information sharing sessions in fall of 2017
- assisting with application preparation, if necessary
- holding special preparatory sessions in early 2018 through the Global Development Course and Orientation

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- Throughout the fellowship GDR staff and Program Manager checking in and being a resource for you (via email, Skype, or in-person visit) during your fellowship

Faculty mentor commits to:

- working with a host to submit a site for consideration, if one is not already in the GDR catalog
- mentoring Students through the application process and the duration of the fellowship
- working with departments, centers, and institutes on campus to identify funding sources that will contribute to or fulfill entirely a 1:1 cost share

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