



## 2006 Regional Research Competition

### Call for Research Proposals

The Oceania Development Network invites development researchers who are nationals of and normally resident in Pacific Island States to enter its 2006 regional research competition.

To promote capacity building, submissions will preferably be from groups of younger/junior researchers accompanied by a senior researcher (Assistant Professor/Professorial level). The senior researcher must not be the main author of the research report, acting in a mentoring role, but can be from outside the region. An independent panel of judges appointed by ODN will review and select proposals for funding and select prize winners.

The proposal should be for research activity to be undertaken over a period of not more than six months, on an aspect or aspects of one of the research themes described below.

- ?? **Regionalisation in the Pacific.** The term "Regionalisation" captures the distinctions the latest draft of the Pacific Plan draws between regional cooperation (i.e., the present cooperative arrangements such as SOPAC, SPREP), regional pooling of resources (e.g., suggestions for regional transport arrangements, regional courts or regulatory agencies), and regional integration (economic and political integration).
- ?? **Economic/Trade Issues:** WTO preparedness, national resource management, climate change, privatization, tourism, export-orientation, environment, culture, technology, industry clustering.
- ?? **Financial inclusion:** remittances, microfinance, informal sector.
- ?? **Institutions and Governance:** law and judiciary, political democracy, public sector management, decentralization, land management, knowledge management
- ?? **Social development:** includes health, education, gender
- ?? **Security and stability:** fragile states, peace and conflict, disaster mitigation, early warning systems
- ?? **Aid effectiveness:** aid delivery, aid for trade, poverty reduction

The research proposals should be no more than 15 pages in length (including attachments) and submitted in type-written, single-spaced, using the following format:

- 1) Cover page: Title of the research, name of researchers and their affiliation, summary budget and time frame.
- 2) Body of text:
  - a. Introduction
    - i. Problem statement
    - ii. Research question
    - iii. Relevance/usefulness of the study
  - b. Background/Literature Review
  - c. Methodology
  - d. Timeframe
  - e. Detailed Budget
  - f. References
  - g. CVs (maximum 2-3 pages) for each member of the team

The **DEADLINE** for the submission of proposals is **15th May 2006**. All proposals and any inquiries should be forwarded to the ODN Secretariat at the following address:

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Discussions are underway with participating Universities regarding the convening of Research Capacity Building workshops to assist researchers submitting proposals for this competition. The panel of judges will recommend up to 6 proposals for research funding. Proposals selected for funding will be announced by 2nd June 2006.

The maximum amount of funding available per project is US\$10,000, with funds to be disbursed in three tranches (50% upon selection, 25% on submission of a satisfactory progress report (**13th October 2006**) and 25% upon completion of final research reports (**December 1st 2006**).

Funds permitting, representatives of research teams will be invited to present their progress reports at a special workshops to be organised at the University of the South Pacific Laucala campus, Suva on 16 October 2006, on the eve of the USP's Regional conference on Institutions, globalisation and their impacts on labour markets in Pacific Island countries (17-19th October).

Representatives of the team or teams producing the best reports will be invited to join the ODN delegation to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Development Network Conference which will be held in Beijing (January 14-16, 2007). The theme for the Beijing conference is: The emergence of Asia: Implications for Global Development, but researchers working on other themes will be given equal consideration.