



## **Global Development Awards Competition 2016**

### **FAQs**

**Q1. What is the Global Development Awards Competition?**

**Q2. What are the research themes for the ORD 2016?**

**Q3. What is the grant amount for the different categories of the Awards?**

### **Eligibility**

**Q4. What are the eligible countries for the Most Innovative Development Project category?**

**Q5. What are the eligible countries for the Outstanding Research on Development category?**

**Q5. Is there any age limit for ORD?**

**Q7. Are previous winners and finalists eligible to apply?**

**Q8. Are past and current GDN employees eligible to apply?**

**Q9. Can I apply under more than one theme?**

### **Process**

**Q10. Where can I submit my application?**

**Q11. What is the application process?**

**Q12: What is the last date for submitting an application?**

### 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 comprises of two categories:

- **Category 1: 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 four competition themes (listed below) through their **research proposals** in an original, innovative and policy-relevant way.
- **Category 2: 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. This category is not based on any theme.

### Q2. What are the research themes for the ORD 2016?

Research Proposals will be considered in following four sub-themes:

1. Skills for Tomorrow
2. Public Finance and Public Policy
3. Pedagogy, Technology and Institutions
4. Research and Policy

Please note that these **themes do not apply to submissions for the MIDP.**

### Q3. What is the grant amount for the two categories under the Awards?

- **Category 1: 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**

- **Category 2: Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP):** The grant amounts for the winners\* of the MIDP program are the following:

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

*\*The first prize winner is also eligible to compete under the Japan Social Development Fund for an additional grant of up to US\$ 200,000 for their work.*

**All finalists for each of the competition categories will receive travel grants to GDN's 17<sup>th</sup> [Annual Conference in mid-March 2016](#). The travel grant will be for one person representing the shortlisted submission.**

## **Eligibility**

### **Q4. What are the eligible countries for the Most Innovative Development Project category?**

The MIDP is open to all **development projects being implemented in low-income countries and lower-middle-income countries** as per the World Bank classification<sup>1</sup>. The project must be managed by an NGO with its headquarters in an eligible country in one of the above regions.

### **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<sup>1</sup>, 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 only eligible to apply if they have been living in the non-eligible country for no more than five years as of **15 January, 2016. This has to be validated in the CV submitted for the submission.**

### **Q6. Is there any age limit for ORD?**

The upper age limit for all applicants of ORD is **45 years as of 15 January, 2016**. Individuals (including co-researchers) above 45 years of age as of 15 January, 2016 are not eligible to apply.

### **Q7. Are previous winners and finalists eligible to apply?**

- **For ORD:** 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 their submission of a successful proposal/paper.
- **For MIDP:** Previous MIDP winners are not eligible to apply.

### **Q8. Are past and current GDN employees eligible to apply?**

Previous and current employees of GDN (*Including interns and members of evaluation teams*) or its RNPs are not eligible to apply **up till 5 years** from the completion of their tenure.

### **Q9. Can I apply under more than one theme?**

---

<sup>1</sup> <http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups>

Yes. An applicant may apply under more than one theme with different proposals.

**Q10. Where can I submit my application?**

- **For ORD:** To submit, please visit GDN's **online submissions platform** using the following internet link: [www.gdn.int/awards2016/ord/apply](http://www.gdn.int/awards2016/ord/apply)
- **For MIDP:** To submit, please visit GDN's **online submissions platform** using the following internet link: [www.gdn.int/awards2016/midp/apply](http://www.gdn.int/awards2016/midp/apply)

**Q11: What is the application process?**

The application along with the documents specified in the guidelines (available online: [www.gdn.int/awards2016](http://www.gdn.int/awards2016)) should be submitted as **electronic files** only through the online submissions 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 and MIDP is **15 January, 2016**

For more information on the competition, the complete eligibility criteria and selection process please read the guidelines (available online: [www.gdn.int/awards2016](http://www.gdn.int/awards2016)). **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](mailto:awards@gdn.int).