



SMALL GRANTS

OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

1. RESUME

The goal of this initiative is to promote new foci and outlooks on security, as well as to open spaces and link new actors to the debate, reflection, and research of the subject. These scholarships are directed at young researchers and professions below the age of 35 from developing countries who want to contribute to the debate and analysis through working documents on public policies and academic research on subjects related to the processes of transformation of the security sector.

With this initiative, we aim to foment a global and interdisciplinary community that seeks to stimulate a new way of thinking about these subjects.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION

2.1. Selection Criteria:

The GC requires that the research proposals include some of the following criteria:

1. The need to observe the impact of public policies and/or international cooperation on poor and excluded sectors of society
2. The study of the perceptions and demands of poor sectors of society on security
3. The need to observe the impact of citizens' participation in the security realm
4. Incorporate comparative foci to address the local realities
5. Refer to subjects linked to the processes of transformation of the security sector (Private Security, Organized Crime, Public Security, Regional Security, Governability and Security, Security and Gender,

Transparency and Citizen Participation, Police, Peace Processes, Intelligence, among others)

- Although it is not a requisite, the Global Consortium will pay special interest to those proposals whose authors are from the countries or regions on which their studies are developed and will especially welcome proposals that focus on the Global Consortium Working Groups' topics.
- Gender, race, and other minority status will be considered in the selection process.

2.2. Requisites for Applicants:

- Under 35 years of age, professionals or smaller
- Degree or Professional Qualification in social sciences, law, economics, humanities or other related disciplines
- Residency in or origin from developing countries
- Professionals who are working on advocacy activities, activist or practioners from civil society organizations

2.3. Required Information:

- Attached application form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Research proposal (1500 word maximum)¹
- Budget outline
- Letter of recommendation²
- Letter of institutional support³

The application can be completed in English or Spanish or French.

2.4. Final Selection procedure

- Secretariat is going to gather together and review all applications forms.
- Best scholar applications will be reviewed by a selection committee who makes the final decision.

¹ The research proposal should indicate clearly: theoretical or empirical justification of the subject (importance); general and specific objectives, methodology, and a brief bibliography of related sources.

² This letter should speak to the qualities of the applicant in professional, intellectual, and personal terms. It should be signed and sent personally and directly by the recommender to the Global Consortium via email.

³ The letter of institutional support should discuss the type of link the organization shares with the applicant and the institutional motives or interests for supporting the applicant's candidacy. It should be signed and sent personally and directly by the institutional authority or representative to the Global Consortium via email.

- The Small grants selection committee is constituted by two partners' representatives and one secretariat's representative.
- Recipients of the grants will be contacted by the Secretariat.
- Final list of scholars will be published in the Global Consortium Web Page.

2.5. Conditions of the Scholarship:

- The study should be realized in no more than 12 months.
- Upon completing the study, the Smaller should submit to the GC: 1 report of activities undertaken and 1 final working paper with their principal findings and conclusions
- Documents that contain information that is not authorized by another author or documents that are suspected or confirmed as unauthorized reproductions will be rejected, and the applicant will have to submit the initial amount of money received for the grant to the Global Consortium.

2.6. Benefits

The Small grant amounts to \$5,000 (US) and will be transferred to the personal account of the applicant through the following means:

- \$1,000 will be sent upon selection of the research project
- \$4,000 will be sent upon the receiving 1 report of activities undertaken and 1 final working paper with their principal findings and conclusions.
- The best working documents will be diffused and published online by the Global Consortium.

3. DIFFUSION AND PUBLICATION OF WORKING PAPERS

- The Secretariat, in conjunction with the partner institutions, will select a Committee Editor for the selection of the submitted works.
- This Committee Editor will select the best works and edit them in a uniform format for subsequent diffusion on the Consortium's web page.
- The working papers should incorporate the principle findings and results of the research undertaken. The length of these documents should be between 10,000 (minimum) and 12,000 words (upper limit).
- Digital publication does not impede the author of the text from presenting a printed version of the publication in other types of academic publications (scientific journals, reference books, etc.)

4. CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND APPLICATION TIMELINE

The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2009.

5. BUDGET

- Small Grants will be administered by the Secretariat with collaboration of the consortium partners.
- 10 grants will be administered per year
- The Small Grants Fund is 100.000 US (50.000 per year).