

Enabling Bio-innovations for Poverty Alleviation in Asia

"To enhance biological innovative capabilities, policies, and institutions to support just, equitable and sustainable social and economic development in developing countries"



2009 Small Grants Competition Program

Call for Research Proposals

The Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, with support from Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has launched in February 2009 a small grants competition program to tackle bio-innovation and its social and policy implications for poverty alleviation in the Asian Region.

Selected research projects will last for 12 months and will focus mainly on bio-innovations demonstrated to be directly relevant to the social phenomenon of poverty – whether alleviating, worsening or creating new forms of poverty. The scope of poverty is further narrowed down to two important areas: on poor people's livelihoods and basic health.

Deadline for submission of Letters of Intent - 31 March 2009.

Announcement of Short-listed Letters of Intent– 15 April 2009.

Deadline for submission of Full Proposal - 15 May 2009.

Announcement of Results - 30 May 2009.

Small Grants Inception and Launching- June 2009.

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