**Grants to Support Women and Underrepresented Groups Seeking to Promote and Sustain International Nonproliferation Norms**

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| Competition Opens:  | 26 January 2023 |
| Application Deadline:  | 31 March 2023 |
| Eligibility:  | Applications must be from * women and members of underrepresented groups in the East Asia Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, and South and Central Asia regions
* displaced Ukrainian nationals with civil society, academic, journalistic, nonproliferation, and NGO experience
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| How to Apply:  | By email to nonpro-grants@crdfglobal.org |
| General Area:  | Research and/or training opportunities |
| Award Amounts:  | Up to USD 10,000.00 each |
| Award Duration:  | Five (5) months |
| Announcement and Application:  | On CRDF Global’s website: <https://www.crdfglobal.org/?post_type=funding&p=19808&preview=true> |

**Overview**

* CRDF Global, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (ISN/CTR), will oversee a small-grants competition for women and members of underrepresented groups in the East Asia Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, and South and Central Asia regions, and for displaced Ukrainian nationals with civil society, academic, journalistic, nonproliferation, and NGO experience.
* Grants will be designated to conduct activities that raise awareness of and counter the Russian Federation’s use of disinformation to discredit international nonproliferation norms. Grant activities include research and/or trainings that identify Russian disinformation campaigns, such as the websites, social media networks/accounts, hosting services, and advertising agencies that enable Russia purveyors of disinformation use to operate and generate revenue and disseminate disinformation.
* Research activities should have a public dissemination component for publishing in grant recipients’ local language. Training activities should be designed to engage relevant public and private sector audiences on Russian disinformation campaigns and counter disinformation tools and techniques.
* Grants are a one-time, five-months award of up to $10,000. Application documents include a completed application, planned budget, and CVs of all researchers on the team.

**Grant Project Scope**

Grant recipients will:

1. Conduct research, create publications, and publicly disseminate journal articles and abstracts that raise awareness of and counter the Russian Federation’s use of disinformation to discredit international nonproliferation norms. Additionally, research will identify Russian disinformation campaigns, such as the websites, social media networks/accounts, hosting services, and advertising agencies that enable Russia purveyors of disinformation use to operate and generate revenue and disseminate disinformation.
2. Enroll in relevant training courses, i.e., nonproliferation-relevant events and write an article on this engagement to be posted on CRDF Global’s website.
3. Conduct training activities designed to engage relevant public and private sector audiences on Russian disinformation campaigns and counter disinformation tools and techniques.

**Eligibility**

* Institutional and/or managerial approval is required for applications to be considered for this competition (template to be provided upon request).
* Eligible grants recipients can be Ukrainian nationals with experience in civil society, academia, journalism, nonproliferation, and NGOs who have been displaced and are located outside of Ukraine due to the current conflict.
* Eligible grant recipients can be women and members of underrepresented groups in the East Asia Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, and South and Central Asia regions.

**Application Materials:**

* A completed application and supporting documents with all application sections filled out, including:
	+ Fully completed application form and documents as required in the application.
	+ The curriculum vitae (CV) for each individual on the research team.
	+ For research or publication grants:
		- * A summary abstract with brief overview of the proposed research topic/question. The summary abstract should be double-spaced in 12-point font and no more than 200 words.
			* Proposed ways to disseminate research outcomes within the professional community (no word limit).
			* Summary of proposed methodology to conduct the research (no word limit).
	+ For enrollment in training event grants
		- * Detailed information on the training event, including links to agenda and training program, as well as justification on how participation in this event would impact and benefit grant participant.
			* Proposed ways to disseminate obtained knowledge during the training course within the grantee’s institution and/or professional community following the grant period end.
	+ Proposed detailed budget: the primary sheet of the budget should be used to fill out the project budget. Any Institutional support should be filled out in the CostShare tab.
	+ A list of relevant references (no word limit).
* Application materials and proposed grant project products must be submitted in English (preferred) and/or national language.

**Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

1. Proposed Grant Project topic relevance and impact:
	* Does the proposed project meet the scope and objectives?
2. Sustainability and commitment
	* Does the applicant demonstrate commitment to the project by offering any complimentary logistical and/or personnel support?
	* Ability to sustain the project and support grant project outcome dissemination after the grant ending period
3. Clarity, feasibility, and detail
	* Is the project clearly outlined and possible to be successfully accomplished? Can the project feasibly be completed during the grant period?
4. Past performance
	* Do applicants have a track record of high-quality research on matters relating to responsible science & research?

**Additional Information**

* For additional questions regarding the grant competition please list the competition name in the email subject and use the below address: nonpro-grants@crdfglobal.org