**CRDF Global Request for Applications (RFA)**

**Guardians of Science: A Research Security Study Tour with Harvard University**

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1. **Program Snapshot:**

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| Eligible Applicants  | University/research institution senior leadership responsible for technology development and scientific research and collaborations in Brazil, Chile, and Peru. |
| RFA Opens  | April 1, 2023   |
| Submission Deadline  | May 10, 2024 (23:59) Western European Summer Time (WEST) |
| Study Tour Dates and Location   | July-August 2024Online/Remote |
| Award Amounts  | $3,000 (institutional training event)  |
| How to Apply  | Applications must be submitted to techtrainings@crdfglobal.org.  |
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1. **Executive Summary:**

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR), CRDF Global is pleased to invite university leadership from advanced scientific and technical institutions in Chile, Brazil, and Peru to participate in a study tour opportunity, *Guardians of Science: A Research Security Study Tour with Harvard University*. This program will address the threat of diversion and proliferation of advanced research, technology, and expertise from universities. It seeks to engage nine candidates (3 from each country) to take part in a study tour that will take place virtually and conducted by Harvard University between July to August 2024.

1. **Overview:**

This study tour will build capacity at universities to mitigate the risks from licit and illicit technology transfer of their advanced research and intellectual property in the fields of artificial intelligence and convergent technologies. The program will include virtual study tour conducted by Harvard University through two-hour, biweekly webinars. Participants will hear from experts in university compliance systems, cyber security policy, and research integrity frameworks. Discussion will address how research communities have successfully adopted mitigation strategies on dual-use or WMD-applicable knowledge security, including how to identify, categorize, and manage sensitive information. Participants will be able to view Harvard University's supplemental policies and discuss successes of these policies and lessons learned.

Following the study tour, participants will receive mentorship from the project experts to use lessons learned to develop and implement research security trainings or events. Grantees are expected to conduct institutional trainings to relevant staff members of their institutions to socialize the lessons learned during the study tour. Upon conclusion of the individual institutional trainings, Grantees are expected to team up with their two fellow Grantees within their region to jointly develop and implement a regional workshop on research security capacity building for multiple institutions and regional considerations in mind. This is an expectation of all participating fellows. Participating institutions will benefit from having departments and institutional leaders that employ better data protection and research security policies and from an academic community that more broadly understands the importance of securing their intellectual property and research from diversion.

1. **Eligibility:**

All applications/applicants must meet each of the following eligibility criteria:

1. University/research institution senior leadership responsible for technology development and scientific research and collaborations in Brazil, Chile, and Peru.
2. Grantees must be committed to planning and implementing an institutional training event, utilizing the lessons learned from the study tour and follow-on mentorship.
3. Grantees must be committed to collaborating with their fellow grantees within their region to plan and implement a regional-level training event with multiple institutions involved using a budget provided by CRDF Global.

CRDF Global reserves the right to restrict the participation of any individual or institution in its programs. CRDF Global complies with all U.S. laws and regulations pertaining to export control and the participation of foreign nationals or institutions in its activities. It is the policy of CRDF Global not to conduct any transactions with U.S. restricted entities without appropriate authorization from the U.S. Government.

1. **Checklist:**

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Please use this checklist to ensure that your application form is complete and contains all required documentation. Please note that your application will not be reviewed unless all application sections have been completed and all required documents are submitted.

* Completed Application Form in English
* Curriculum Vitae (CV)
	+ Must note: contact information including: phone number, email address, and home address
* Passport Copy
* Letter of Institutional Support
* Detailed budget for the institutional training expenses

Please note that all expenses related to the virtual study tour will be covered by CRDF Global and should not be included in your budget.

1. **Application Submission:**

All applications must be submitted to techtrainings@crdfglobal.org no later than 31 May 2024 (23:59) Eastern Standard Time (EST)

1. **Review of Applications:**

All applications and information contained therein will remain confidential prior to the award and will be screened for eligibility and completeness upon receipt by CRDF Global.

All awards are subject to the availability of funding from program sponsors. All decisions by CRDF Global are final.

1. **Additional Information:**
* Applicants receiving provisional notice of selection may be asked to provide additional information to determine eligibility for receipt of funds.
* For detailed information regarding general CRDF Global grant policies please visit:

<https://www.crdfglobal.org/funding-opportunities/#information-applicants>

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