

Georgia Professional Development Mini-Scholarship Program

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CRDF Global and the Georgian Research and Development Foundation (GRDF) are pleased to announce the 2017 **Georgia Professional Development Mini-Scholarship Program**.

The mini-scholarship program provides the opportunity for Georgian biological scientists, researchers and experts to apply for and to receive the benefits of up to three memberships for professional associations related to their field of employment/study. Eligible applicants include employees of the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC), Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture (LMA), and the National Food Agency (NFA). Individuals currently enrolled in a graduate program (MD, MPH, MSc or PhD) focusing on epidemiology, biosafety, biosecurity, or infectious diseases in a Georgian university are also eligible to apply.

Eligible professional associations to select from include:

- American Society of Microbiology
 - European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
 - European Biological Safety Association
 - American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
 - International Society for Infectious Diseases
 - American Public Health Association
 - American Biological Safety Association*
 - American Society of Virology
 - American Association for the Advancement of Science
- *must be current biosafety officer or involved in biosafety program

The purpose of the mini-scholarship program is to improve Georgian bioscientists' access to global networks of international experts and thus enhance their own capabilities and futures in research. The associations will potentially provide online networking, professional development, career advice, and business opportunities to selected applicants. For each professional association selected, the applicant must clearly justify why he or she has selected that particular association and the potential benefits for the applicant to join that association.

One year memberships will be awarded to applicants that are chosen to participate in the program. Applications will be selected based on the strength of the submitted justification.

Selected applicants will be announced on a rolling basis starting in November 2016 and the competition may be opened until **31 March 2017** dependent upon the number of applications received. Please submit your completed application, along with your current curriculum vitae, to Jeff Skowera at jskowera@crdfglobal.org.

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Name:

Institution/University:

Title & Brief Description of Duties:

Associations Selected (maximum of three):

Justification Section for Professional Associations

1) Why did you select each association? How will you use the selected associations to expand your network? What specific benefits to you hope to gain from these associations? Make each answer specific to each association identified (maximum word limit of 1000 words).

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

**Note: Electronic signatures are preferred*