

GUIDELINES ON ICT4D RESEARCH GRANTS

INTRODUCTION

“Learning from Information and Communications Technology for Development (ICT4D) Research to Enhance Policymaking (Philippines)” is a joint three-year project of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada. The Project aims to document and disseminate the learnings gained from ICT4D projects carried out in the Philippines to help in planning and policymaking in ICT4D.

A major component of this Project is a Research Grants Program in which proposals will be invited and/ or research work will be commissioned to document and analyze learnings from ICT4D initiatives. The main targets of the outputs of the Research Grants Program are policymakers and researchers in ICT4D.

ICT4D is the use of ICT for sustainable development and empowerment. ICT includes digital and interactive technologies as well as technologies which provide for interfaces between traditional and new technologies. The use of these technologies should be development-oriented. Although the Project takes a broad view of the uses of ICT for development, it gives premium to initiatives that lead directly to empowerment of communities and marginalized groups or sectors.

Among other things, what the Project is looking for are ICT4D initiatives that are relevant to peoples’ lives and contribute to their well-being; uses ICT appropriately, innovatively and creatively; build capacities and promote lifelong learning; are sustainable; and can be replicated in other communities.



WHAT IS FUNDED

ICT4D case studies

Research projects which are policy-oriented

Proposals for documentation of cases based on the following themes:

- o Access (e.g. infrastructure, applications, policy)
- o Social Services (e.g education, health, environment, and others)
- o Participation, Governance, Empowerment
- o Economic Development
- o Gender and Development

WHAT THE PROPOSAL SHOULD CONTAIN

The proposal (8 - 12 pages, double space) should contain the following information:

Project Title	Significance of the study/project
General and specific objectives	Work Plan
Description of the project	Budget
Methodology	Contact details

HOW AND WHERE TO APPLY

The project proposal and curriculum vitae should be sent to:

Prof. Fortunato T. de la Peña
Undersecretary and Project Administrator
ICT4D Project
Department of Science and Technology
Bicutan, Taguig, 1631 Metro Manila

Email Address: grants@ict4d.ph

Guidelines can be downloaded from <http://www.ict4d.ph/grants/>

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

All submissions will be acknowledged and responded to by the Project Administrator.

A written communication will be sent to the proponent regarding the status of the application.

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION

Proposals should be submitted not later than
April 30, 2005.