Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)

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The U.S. Global Development Lab: Science, Technology, Innovation and Partnership (STIP)

• Is spearheading a bold new approach to *discover, test, and scale solutions* to help people lift themselves out of poverty

• Aims to accelerate the application of *science, technology, innovation, and partnerships* to address the most complex development problems more efficiently and effectively
Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships

The Lab’s Approach:

Collaborate with host-country counterparts, entrepreneurs, world-class experts from corporations, NGOs, universities, and science and research institutions to solve development challenges.

The Lab will:

- Source, discover, and scale new technologies and innovations;
- Build partnerships to co-design new solutions and take them from pilots to global impact;
- Inspire, strengthen, and link the brightest minds in America with those in our partner countries; and
- Improve USAID’s development impact by supporting scientific and innovative methods for strategic decision making, procurement, and program design.
Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships

Examples of Programs

- Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN)
- Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)
- Grand Challenges for Development
- Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)
“The Innovation Pipeline”

Scalable Solutions

- GC
- PEER
- DIV
Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)

- Launched in 2011, PEER is now a joint program between USAID and six U.S. Government-supported agencies: **NSF, NIH, NASA, the Smithsonian Institution, USDA, and USGS**.
- PEER provides funding for developing-country scientists to conduct development-oriented research in partnership with U.S. government-funded researchers.
- PEER leverages investments that the U.S. government is already making in science and technology.
Overlay of PEER collaborations on top of Bornmann, Mutz, Stefaner, and Moya data visualization available at:
http://www.excellencemapping.net/about.html.
The PEER Model

Collaborative research addresses local and global development challenges through outstanding science.
Benefits of PEER

**United States**
- Increases global scope and fosters international collaborations
- Bolsters research effectiveness
- Accesses local knowledge
- Accesses new resources, e.g.,
  - Facilities
  - Unique ecosystems
  - Geological formations
  - Hydrological regimes

**PEER-eligible countries**
- Funds research towards scientific innovation
- Provides links into an international research community
- Develops science diplomacy
- Realizes development objectives, e.g.,
  - Informing policy and practices
  - Providing data for evidence-based programs
  - Incorporating new technologies
Finding a Partner

Some of the six eligible agencies have links to online search sites, while others have given us lists to post on our PEER site, so please review our Find a USG-Supported Partner page carefully.

Check the agency with interests closest to your field:

- USDA: research on agricultural production, food safety, agricultural economics, environment and natural resources
- USGS: geology, water, or soil science
- NASA: Earth observations for research in water resources, disasters, health and air quality, ecology, land use/cover change or SERVIR-related research
- NIH: health
- Smithsonian: biodiversity and environmental studies
- NSF: a broad range of science and engineering disciplines.
Finding a Partner

- Visit the Find a USG-Supported Partner page on the PEER web site and look through the instructions and links.
General Eligibility

**PEER Applicant Must**

- Be a national (citizen or permanent resident) of a PEER-eligible country working in the country from which he or she is applying;
- Be affiliated with and permanently based at an academic institution, non-profit organization, government-managed institute, or relevant government ministry in a PEER-eligible country; and
- Meet country-specific eligibility criteria for focus area to which they are applying

**U.S. Government-Supported Partner Must**

- Be the PI or co-PI of an active research award from one of the six U.S. government-supported agencies participating in the PEER program; U.S. government-supported partner awards must be active for at least 12 months after the project start date (no earlier than August 1, 2015)
- Meet agency-specific eligibility criteria (confirm with agency)
- Have expertise that aligns with and contributes to the PEER proposal
- **U.S. government-funded partners are not eligible to receive PEER funding but may seek supplemental funding from their agencies**
## 88 Countries Whose Researchers are Eligible to Submit PEER Proposals

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• **PEER Grant Amounts**

Single institution projects: U.S. $40,000 - $80,000 per year
Multiple institution projects: U.S. $80,000 - $120,000 per year

• **PEER Grant Duration**
  • 1-3 years

Beginning Oct 1 2014, PEER is accepting pre-proposals

Submission window closes Jan 9, 2015.
USG-Supported Partner Eligibility
- Is extramurally OR intramurally supported by one of 6 partner agencies
- Meets agency specific criteria
- Has expertise that aligns with and contributes to the PEER proposal

Eligible PEER Partner? (working in the US or Internationally)

Yes

Are you already funded by USAID for research with the same research objective as the one with which you propose to partner with the PEER applicant?

Yes

No

Agency support in making this determination:
- fielding agency-specific inquiries,
- screening spreadsheets/databases of eligible agency researchers

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PEER Applicant Eligibility:
- National of a PEER-eligible country
- Affiliated with and permanently based at an eligible institution
- Meet country-specific eligibility criteria

Eligible PEER Applicant?
- Yes → Do you already receive USAID funding?
- No → No

Do you already receive USAID funding?
- Yes → Is your proposed PEER project’s objective distinct from your USAID-funded work?
- No → No

Is your proposed PEER project’s objective distinct from your USAID-funded work?
- Yes → Yes → GO
- No → No → Stop

GO
PEER Website: www.nationalacademies.org/peer

PEER Application webinar recording to be posted on NAS site soon!
Two step submission process

**Phase 1**: An initial two-page pre-proposal is required for all applicants. The deadline for submission of pre-proposals is **January 9, 2015**.

**Phase 2**: If invited to submit a full proposal, applicants will be notified by NAS on **February 13, 2015**. The deadline for submission of full proposals is **March 30, 2015**.

Awards will be made at the **end of June 2015**.

Full proposal preparation instructions on the PEER website for informational purposes.
Elements of the Pre-Proposal Form

- PEER applicant information
- U.S. government-supported partner information, including award number and expiration date
- Project description (2 pages max.)
- Estimated total budget
- A brief CV for the PEER applicant
- A brief letter of support from the U.S. government-supported partner

Entire pre-proposal form can be downloaded in PDF from NAS online application site
PEER Focus Areas

• The focus areas and funding sources for PEER change from year to year, based on development priorities.

• Funds for PEER come from USAID’s Missions, Bureaus and by the Global Development Lab.
PEER Focus Areas for 2014/2015

**Global Calls:** Open to researchers from almost all 88 PEER-eligible countries:

- U.S. Global Development Lab / Open Call for All Research Areas
- U.S. Global Development Lab / Water Resource Management
- Climate Change Adaptation in the Maldives Islands

**Regional & Priority Focus Area Calls:** Open to researchers from specific USAID regions or priority countries:

- Central and South Central Asia / Transboundary Water Research
- SERVIR Priority Countries / Environmental Management and Climate Change Resilience
- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH) Priority Countries / Urban Sanitation

**Country-Specific Calls:** Open only to researchers in specific countries:

- Brazil / Biodiversity in the Brazilian Amazon
- India / Forestry and Climate Change
- Indonesia / Multiple Sectors
- Kenya / Wildlife Conservation and Anti-trafficking
Global Call: Water Resource Management

Objectives

- Promote **capacity building and evidence-based decision making for sustainable utilization of water resources** for competing needs (people, agriculture, industrialization, ecosystems);
- Elevate USAID Missions’ **use of science and technology to address local and global development challenges** in the area of water resource management;
- Establish long-lasting research relationships that **build capacity and enable collaborators to become better partners in development**;
- Support and reinforce the **use of existing platforms**, programs, and initiatives such as the Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET), the Feed the Future Initiative (USAID), and other international water activities within the portfolios of partner agencies. The program strongly supports research teams that utilize these platforms.

Consortia and research teams across agencies, national boundaries and scientific disciplines are strongly encouraged.

83 Eligible Countries (excluding Bhutan, Botswana, Maldives, Niger, and Swaziland)
Global Call:  
*Climate Change Adaptation in the Maldives Islands*

**Objectives**

- Research projects must focus on **climate change adaptation in the Maldives**.
- Research projects should support increased resilience of people, places, and/or livelihoods to climate change impacts in the Maldives and should be consistent with the strategic development objective of USAID/Sri Lanka in the Maldives.

Researchers from the Maldives are especially encouraged to apply to this focus area.
Regional Call: Transboundary Water Research in Central Asia

Objectives

• Projects must be based in the wider Indus Basin and must focus on climate change and transboundary water-related research in the Amu Darya and Kabul River Basins.

• Projects may address a wide ranges of hydrological, socioeconomic, policy, or legal issues (see PEER website for details).

Female applicants and regional collaborations are strongly encouraged.

6 Eligible Countries:
Afghanistan
Kyrgyzstan
Pakistan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan
Regional Call: Environmental Management and Climate Change (SERVIR)

Objectives

- Strengthen capacity of governments and other key stakeholders to integrate earth observation information and geospatial technologies into development decision-making, with the ultimate goal of improved environmental management and resilience to climate change;

- PEER welcomes innovative proposals to use geospatial data and tools to investigate climate change impacts and adaptation and/or ways to reduce emissions from land use in the following areas: disasters, water, agriculture, food security, health, land cover, and forests.

42 Eligible Countries:

Afghanistan  Nepal  Pakistan  Peru
Bangladesh  Malawi  Mali  Mexico
Bhutan  Namibia  Nepal  Nicaragua
Botswana  Niger  Pakistan
Brazil  Peru  Rwanda  Sierra Leone
Burma  Senegal  South Africa  South Sudan
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Colombia  Uganda  Vietnam  Zambia
Dominican Republic  El Salvador  Ethiopia  Ghana
Guatemala  Guinea  Guyana  Haiti
Guinea  Honduras  India  Indonesia
Guyana  Kenya  Liberia  Malawi
Haiti  Mali  Mexico  Nicaragua
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Indonesia  South Africa  South Sudan  Swaziland
Kenya  Tanzania  Thailand  Uganda

Vietnam  Zambia
Regional Call: 
Urban Sanitation (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Priority Countries)

Objectives

• Focus on challenges and opportunities in reaching scale with commercially viable and sustainable sanitation solutions for low-income, urban environments;

• Address development-related issues through the perspective of technical, operational, social/behavioral, and/or enabling environment considerations across the sanitation service chain (waste capture, storage, transport, treatment, and reuse/disposal).

Projects detailing the needs and opportunities of specific cities in eligible countries are encouraged. Proposals should be aligned with the objectives of USAID’s Water and Development Strategy and the current concept note for the USAID Urban Sanitation Problem Set team (see PEER website for links).
Country-Specific Call (Brazil):  
**Biodiversity in the Brazilian Amazon**

**Objectives**

- Proposals should *advance knowledge on the efficacy of community-led environmental sustainability* in protected areas in the Brazilian Amazon.

- **Research areas** include community or ecosystem resilience, sustainability, or productivity; climate change impacts (adaptation and mitigation) on Amazon biodiversity; ecological response to anthropogenic disturbances including climate change; environmental governance systems; etc. (see website).

- Proposals should be interdisciplinary and incorporate a **broad array of concepts underlying biodiversity research**.

- Proposals seeking to *advance science, engineering, and education* to inform societal actions are encouraged.
Country-Specific Call (India): Forestry and Climate Change

Objectives

- Forecasting the vulnerability of forests to changes in climate
- Modeling the mitigation potential of forest ecosystems
- Improving the valuation of forest ecosystems

For further information on the development objectives and climate change priorities of USAID/India, please visit: http://www.usaid.gov/india

For further information on USAID/India’s Country Development and Cooperation Strategy, please visit: http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1861/India_CDCS.pdf
Country-Specific Call (Indonesia): Multiple Sectors

Objectives

Projects must support one of the following priority areas:

- biodiversity
- climate change and the environment
- education, with particular interest in strengthening teaching methods and curricula in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields
- natural disasters
- water management

Universities and non-governmental research institutions are eligible to receive PEER funding. While laboratories managed within government agencies are not eligible to apply for PEER funding, it is encouraged that proposed research submitted by universities and non-governmental research institutions include potential collaborations with government-managed laboratories.
Country-Specific Call (Kenya): Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking in Kenya

Objectives

• Research should relate to **strengthening ecosystem management, law enforcement, legal systems and prosecution capacity** to promote wildlife conservation and combat wildlife poaching and trafficking.

• Projects should engage **multiple stakeholders in employing participatory research methods**, with results aimed at **influencing policies and programs in Kenya** to reduce incidence of wildlife trafficking and poaching.

• **Multi-disciplinary, integrated research proposals** spanning fields related to conservation biology, ecology, human/nature interaction, biological anthropology, geospatial studies, and other social, behavioral, biological, and economic sciences are encouraged.

• Trans-disciplinary research methods and innovative quantitative models are sought.

Principal investigator must be from a Kenyan institution, but research team can be from any country. Partnerships with other East African countries are encouraged.

Female researchers are strongly encouraged to apply.
Tips for a Successful Proposal

- Is your research question well articulated?
- Are the objectives clear?
- Is your project feasible?
- Have you conducted a literature review of previous work?
- Is your expertise appropriate to carry out the work? What about your U.S. government-supported partner’s expertise?
- Is the timeline appropriate?
- Are there clear development impacts?
- Do they fit USAID priorities in your country?
- Does the project have broader impacts?
- Is there a training component? How many students? How many female participants?
- Are local communities engaged?
- Is there an outreach/dissemination component?
The PEER Review Process

1. Pre-proposals are reviewed by USAID Missions and Operating Units to assess the relevance and desirability of the proposed research topic. Successful pre-proposal applicants are invited to submit a full proposal.

2. Eligible PEER full proposals are reviewed by panels of technical experts with development experience or knowledge, USAID Missions, and Operating Units.

3. For those PEER proposals being considered for funding, U.S. government agencies will verify the good standing of the proposed U.S. government-supported research partners.

4. With above information and taking the full PEER portfolio and funding availability into account, final PEER award decisions will be made by USAID, with grants disbursed by NAS.
Tips for Contacting a New Partner

• Introduce yourself and your position
• Explain how you found the potential partner (through the websites or databases provided by the agencies, a research paper, conference proceedings, colleagues you have in common, etc.)
• State your interest in the potential partner’s research
• Explain the pre-proposal you are preparing for PEER
• Explain the PEER program and the requirement to collaborate with a USG-supported partner (include a link to the current solicitation and FAQs)
• Explain how you think the USG-supported partner’s work would contribute to your PEER project AND how your current and/or future work could potentially benefit the U.S. partner
• State that you’d like to discuss collaborations further
• Include your contact information and your expectation to hear back from the USG-supported partner
• Invite your potential research partner to contact PEER staff at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences at peer@nas.edu if he or she has any questions about the program
Ready to Apply?
To Learn More:

VISIT: http://www.nationalacademies.org/peer

EMAIL: peer@nas.edu or usaidpeer@usaid.gov:
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You may save your application as a draft at any time and resume it later. To do so, please scroll down and click on the "Save as Draft" button at the bottom of the application page. Please do not use the back button or you will lose any unsaved information. To avoid any inconvenience, remember to save regularly while working on your application. The application deadline for this cycle of PEER is January 9, 2015, 11:59 PM (U.S. Eastern Standard Time). You will not be able to submit any new application or make changes to your existing draft once the deadline has passed. For further instructions on each question, please consult the program solicitation and instructions. For more information on the PEER program, please visit our website.
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Hanoi, Vietnam

PEER_applicant@yahoo.com

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

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**Project Name**  
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Select the country where your institution is based. Please refer to the Focus Areas section of our website to confirm that your country is eligible to apply for the PEER program. Please note that eligible countries differ between the different Focus Areas.

**Focus Areas**  
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- Global/Open Call for Proposals: All Research Fields
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- Global/Trans-boundary Water Research
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- Regional/Urban Sanitation
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- Country/India/Forestry & Climate Change
- Country/Indonesia/Multiple Sectors
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Proposed start date for your PEER project*
Please be advised that decisions will not be made before July 2015.

- August 2015
- September 2015
- October 2015
- November 2015
- December 2015
- January 2016

PEER project (in months)*
Please note that PEER projects are expected to last for up to three years.

Region*
Please select the corresponding region where the project will take place.
Duration of your PEER project (in months)*
PEER projects can last for up to three years.

Region*
Please select the corresponding region where the project will take place.

Primary field of Research*
- Agriculture
- Biodiversity
- Climate
- Disaster mitigation
- Education
- Energy
- Engineering
- Environment
- Food security
- Health
- Social sciences
- Water
- Other

"Other" Field of Research

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**Highest degree achieved by applicant**

Please list the highest academic degree received by the applicant.

- Bachelors (BS, BA)
- Masters (MSc, MA, MPH, MPP, MPA, LLM)
- Professional (MD, PharmD, DDS, DO, JD)
- Doctorate (PhD, ScD)

**Have you received a PEER (Science or Health) grant in the past?**

- Yes
- No

**Applicant's Institution Type**

Please specify the type of institution with which you are affiliated.

- Academic Institution
- Non-governmental Organization (NGO)
- Government managed research center
- Government ministry
- Other

**Name of PEER applicant's institution**

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**Address of PEER applicant's institution**

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Does your project involve a single institution or multiple institutions?*
Single institution awards are anticipated to range in size from US$40,000 to $80,000 per year for one to three years. Multiple institutions awards are anticipated to range from US$80,000 to $120,000 per year for one to three years.

- Single institution
- Multiple institutions

Other developing country institutions involved
If any

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Family/Last name of USG-supported partner*

Given/First name of USG-supported partner*

Gender of the USG-supported partner*
- Female
- Male
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USG-supported partner’s e-mail*

USG-supported partner’s institution*

Project title of USG-supported partner’s award/grant*

U.S. Government (USG) funding agency*
Please select the USG funding agency that awarded your USG-supported partner’s grant.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Smithsonian Institution
- United States Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ARS)
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)

USG-supported partner’s award/grant number*
Please provide the award/grant number including all digits and letters of your USG-supported partner. Please note: if your USG-supported partner is a U.S. government employee please type "Intramural" in the box below instead of listing an award/grant number.

End date of your USG-supported partner’s award/grant*
The requested duration of your PEER project may not extend more than twelve months beyond the official termination date of the USG-supported partner’s award at the time the proposal is submitted. Format of the date will be MM/DD/YYYY.
Name of funding agency's program officer for the USG-supported partner's award/grant
Please provide the name of the program officer/manager at the USG funding agency that has awarded your USG-supported partner the grant.

Phone number of funding agency's program officer for the USG-supported partner's award/grant

Email address of funding agency's program officer for the USG-supported partner's award/grant

Name of secondary USG-supported partner (if any)
If your proposed PEER project involves a secondary USG-supported partner list his/her name (Last/Family Name, Given/First Name format) in the text box provided. Please note that it is completely voluntary to have a secondary USG-supported partner.

USG funding agency of secondary USG-supported partner (if applicable)
- Not Applicable
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Project Description
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a. Project aims and objectives*

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b. Significance of the research as it relates to a particular focus area*
Please refer to the Focus Area section on our website to help you in writing this portion of the application. Please be sure to address the development impacts of your proposed PEER research project in this section.

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c. Expertise of the USG-supported partner*
Please provide a description of how the expertise of the USG-supported partner will complement the proposed PEER research project.

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d. Other potential partners*
Please list other partners with whom the applicant will collaborate on the project (for example: government agencies, USAID Missions, co-PIs, research networks, laboratories, and other implementing partners). Explain the roles and responsibilities as they relate to the proposed PEER project for each institution involved.

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Total Budget
Please provide the estimated total budget figure for your proposed PEER project. The budget of PEER project budgets vary depending on the proposed research scope and the project duration. Proposed PEER projects may be up to three (3) years. Please refer to the budget template on our website to assist in estimating costs. Typical project budgets fall within the following ranges:
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Total Budget *

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Single or multiple institution project*
- Single institution
- Multiple institution

Appendices
Curriculum vitae (Applicant)*
Please attach the PEER applicant’s brief CV, which should be no more than two pages in length. Please use the attached standard format for CVs (standard PEER CV). The CV should provide citations for no more than five to ten recent and relevant publications. If the project includes more than one developing country institution, please also include a CV for the key project participant at each institution. Please do not submit electronic copies of publications or other background materials, as they will not be forwarded to reviewers. All the CVs must be uploaded together in one single file.

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Letter of support from the USG-supported partner*
A brief letter of support written by the USG-supported partner explaining his or her intention to collaborate on the proposed PEER project. The letter should also include the partner’s USG-funded grant title, number, funding agency, program officer and contact information for his or her active USG award. The letter must be written on official institutional letterhead and must be signed by the USG-supported partner.

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- Announcement at technical meeting or conference
- USAID in-country mission
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- PNAS journal ad
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other

If other, please specify.

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