

Call for Proposal!

JAKARTA - The U.S Agency for International Development (USAID) will offer funding through its Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) program for Indonesian scientists to conduct joint research with U.S. scientists. USAID is especially soliciting research proposals in two topics: (1) strengthening science, technology, engineering and math education at both secondary and university levels; and (2) causes and consequences of biodiversity loss, especially scientific research needed to inform policies on wildlife trafficking. Applications are open on October 3, 2016 and concept notes are due January 13, 2017.

PEER is a competitive awards program that supports scientists in 63 countries to apply for funds to support research on priority development issues. In Indonesia the program leverages research collaboration between U.S. Government-funded American scientists and Indonesian scientists to generate research that will contribute to Indonesia's development. Researchers discover, test, and scale breakthrough solutions that can ultimately catalyze evidence-based decisions and progress.

The previous five cycles of applications to USAID's PEER program awarded US\$2.6 million in research funding to Indonesian researchers. In 2016, PEER awarded funding to six research projects to address climate change mitigation, infectious disease, and science education bringing the total number to 43 research projects in Indonesia.

"The United States is pleased to support partnerships between American and Indonesian researchers who are examining important health, environmental, and other challenges," said Chargé d'Affaires Brian McFeeters. "The joint research will seek breakthrough solutions with the use of science, technology, and innovation to advance Indonesia's development goals."

To apply for the next round of awards, a two-page pre-proposal in English is required by January 13, 2017. In February 2017, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. For further information or to apply, please visit the National Academies of Science website: <http://goo.gl/syxxiR>.

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