

Call for Applications

Adaptation Finance Fellowship Programme 2018/2019

Application Deadline: January 31st, 2018 (11:59 pm CET)

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) are pleased to announce that the Adaptation Finance Fellowship Programme (AFFP) is now open for applications.

About AFFP

The AFFP, funded by the International Development Research Institute (IDRC), supports and promotes exceptional individuals from the scientific community, from policy and from the private sector in climate adaptation related fields. We encourage young professionals from developing and emerging countries to apply for this 18-month fellowship programme to build leadership in adaptation finance across sectors for enhanced sharing of knowledge and good practices. Fellows are offered on-site and online trainings, workshops, and events in Frankfurt (Germany) and Bangkok (Thailand). The programme will build and strengthen the capacities of fellows in applying knowledge for climate change adaptation and finance, but will also establish a network of like-minded peers across the sectors. The fellowship programme is divided into the three tracks (1) policy, (2) business and (3) research.

Activities/Benefits*	policy fellows	business fellows	research fellows
"Kick-Off" Workshop Bangkok (September 2018)	X	X	X
6 month E-learning course (September 2018 - March 2019)	X	X	X
Summer Academy "Adaptation Finance" (5 days in Bangkok; mid 2019)	X	X	X
Winter Academy "Leadership skills" (3 days in Frankfurt; end 2019)	X	X	
Final Workshop (3 days in Frankfurt; March 2020)	X	X	X
Webinar Series	X	X	X
Research Grant			X
Working/Submitting Research Paper			X
Delivery/Output (Report, Policy Note etc.)	X	X	

*Subject to change

Research fellows

For the research track, the AFFP invites PhD candidates, post-graduates and early career researchers from developing and emerging countries to apply for the programme and receive funding to carry out research related to climate change adaptation finance.

The objective is to make sure that the young researchers are equipped with in-depth understanding of the mechanics of climate change adaptation and adaptation finance, particularly the knowledge and vision of how to support adaptation projects in their respective home countries. Moreover, this program aims to provide these fellows with opportunity to engage in a constructive dialogue with each other, which ultimately would result in a creation of network of well-versed researchers who are committed to adaptation finance. The fellows in the research track are required to discuss research idea and present research paper to fellows from other tracks to link it to policy or business angle. Further, fellows are expected to participate actively at the training sessions and integrate their knowledge into webinars, blogs, policy briefs and/or discussion paper. **For the Research Track, the AFFP seeks to recruit six (6) fellows for the second cohort 2018/2019, starting September 2018.**

Eligible expenses

Each research fellow will receive a maximum research grant of USD 16,000 which will be paid in three installments according to the progress of research work. Research grants must be used for the activities directly associated with field research or desk-based research, survey cost, compensation for research assistants, software purchase, the dissemination of research findings, and other research expenses. Research funds may not be used to fund applicants' salaries, tuition fees or other training costs.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a PhD candidate or a mid-career researcher from a development country working in climate change adaptation and / or finance at universities, public/private research institutes or action research NGOs.
- Having done research and publish at least 2 papers on climate change or climate adaptation (in English). Research experience in adaptation finance will be given special consideration.
- Concrete adaptation finance related research proposal and an academic supervisor providing a reference letter
- Showing strong motivation and commitment to take responsibility and to stay with the programme.
- Citizen of a developing or emerging country
- Be proficient in English (both written and oral).

Remark: Selected candidates cannot change from Research Track to Policy or Business Track

Benefits

- 18-month comprehensive Fellowship Programme on adaptation finance free of charge (September 2018 to February 2020).
- Participation at one six-month e-learning certification course on Adaptation Finance
- Training and workshops during on-site events on emerging topics and leadership skills in Frankfurt and Bangkok
- Research grant and mentoring for research project (Research Track)
- Guidance by internationally recognised trainers and expert in adaptation finance
- Opportunity to discuss and present own projects and business cases during a webinar series and on-site events with international experts
- Opportunities to contribute to webinars, blogs, publications, reports and journal articles
- Continuous online discussions, network opportunities and access to international professional networks of peers and leaders in climate adaptation and finance

How to apply?

Your application must be submitted online using the AFFP application form. Only complete applications in English will be considered and consist of the following:

- Completely filled online application form in English language
- Curriculum vitae
- Certificates and letters of reference (of scholarships, employments etc.)
- Copy of valid passport
- Outlining your personal motivation (*Please carefully read the motivational questions in the application form).
- **Research track:** Research Proposal, including a description of your research questions, conceptual framework, methodology, expected contribution, timeline and budget (*Please use the provided research proposal template only and read carefully the questions and instructions)

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Applications will be assessed by an experienced team of international experts in climate adaptation finance. Candidates might be interviewed via Skype or phone by a member of the selection committee. The results of the AFFP selection process will be communicated via email in April 2018.

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