Dear Colleagues

Herewith information on the **USAID Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Cycle 8** research funding opportunity implemented by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, Medicine.

The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is Monday, 14 January 2019.

### Funding

US\$30 00 - \$80 000 (R430 00 - R1 150 000) for 1 year

#### **Eligibility criteria**

SA is eligible to apply to the <u>Multiple Countries/Last Mile Awards Call (</u>refer to p4 of the attached summary) Individual eligibility: <u>http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/PGA\_147199</u>

#### Focus areas:

Biodiversity; agriculture, environment; climate change; clean energy; disaster mitigation; food security; water/sanitation; urbanisation; democracy & governance; education

### **US Partners**

PEER applicants must partner with a U.S. Government (USG)-supported researcher. Find a USG-Supported Partner: <u>http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/PGA\_147199</u>

Online application: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nas

Kind regards Lizél

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Dear Colleagues:

The Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) program is once again accepting proposals from developing country researchers interested in collaborating with counterparts who are funded by selected U.S. Governmentsupported agencies. The pre-proposal remains a key part of the application and review process, but there have been significant changes in the project scope and focus areas for Cycle 8. Please circulate this information about PEER to colleagues who may wish to apply so they can prepare and submit their applications to meet the pre-proposal submission deadline of January 14, 2019.

# PEER Cycle 8 Webinar

To help applicants understand the eligibility guidelines and the application process, PEER program staff will be holding an optional one-hour webinar on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, beginning at 10:30 AM (U.S. East Coast time). If you are interested in participating in the free webinar, you must register in advance on the <u>WebEx website</u>, and you will receive another link by e-mail so you can log into the webinar on November 14.

Register

## **About PEER**

PEER is an international awards program that brings developing country scientists and engineers together with researchers funded by U.S. federal science agencies to address global development challenges. Through catalyzing collaborative research and strategic partnerships and leveraging existing U.S. investments in research, PEER is designed to elevate the use of science and technology in addressing local and global development challenges in USAID-presence countries. Not only does PEER support research relevant to USAID's development objectives, it also establishes long-lasting research relationships that build capacity, strengthen the research ecosystem, and enable collaborators to become better partners in development. Since its launch in 2011, PEER has supported more than 300 projects in more than 54 countries with an investment of approximately \$59 million.

Applications are accepted <u>only</u> from developing country scientists working in partnership with colleagues currently funded by the following U.S. federal science agencies: the National Science Foundation (NSF); the National Institutes of Health (NIH); NOAA; the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS); the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), including the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), and the United States Forest Service (USFS); the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Smithsonian Institution.

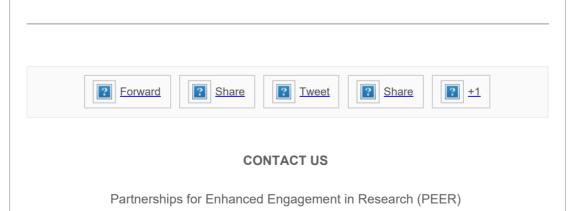
The program is currently inviting pre-proposals for projects up to one year in duration (with a possible 6-month no-cost extension) that will lead to development-related policy or programmatic change from applicants in the following specific countries or regions or working on the following topical areas:

- Multiple Countries / Last Mile Awards
- Multiple Countries / Family Planning and Reproductive Health
- Multiple Countries / Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Health in North Africa

The full PEER pre-proposal solicitation, instructions, eligible country lists, details on the special focus topics above, frequently asked questions, and a link to the online application website are available at <a href="http://www.nationalacademies.org/peer">http://www.nationalacademies.org/peer</a>. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the materials carefully. PEER is implemented by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of USAID, and potential applicants or partners with questions are invited to contact the program's staff at <a href="mailto:peer@nas.edu">peer@nas.edu</a>.

Best regards, PEER Program Staff The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

If you do not wish to receive any further messages regarding the PEER program, please e-mail us at <u>peer@nas.edu</u> and we will remove you from our list.



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