

## **Are you interested in local democracy and would like to do field work for your master's thesis abroad?**



ICLD's Fieldwork Grant is a program for Swedish and International Master students registered at a university in Sweden. The aim of the program is to provide the opportunity for students to conduct fieldwork in one of ICLD's partner countries.

The subject of study must highlight the role of "local governments" to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development. The fieldwork grant is a total of 20.000 SEK given to students to conduct their fieldwork for at least 5 weeks in a selected country.

### **Who can apply?**

Swedish and International Master students registered at a Swedish University. Swedish Students granted MFS are not eligible.

### **When?**

The application is open between the 1st and 31st of October.

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**What?**

The thesis project must contribute to the understanding how local democracy and good governance can contribute to achieve sustainable development and poverty reduction. The project must show relevance to the sustainable development goals and to ICLDs four strategic areas: equity, participation, transparency and accountability.

ICLD works to eliminate poverty and improve living conditions. Poverty is not just a lack of material resources, it is also a lack of opportunity to influence one's own living conditions. We live in a time when global phenomena such as climate change, urbanisation and migration have repercussions in people's everyday lives. Which is why functional local, democratic institutions are more important than ever before. Decision-making processes need to be efficient, transparent and inclusive so that all citizen have the same opportunity to exert influence.

**Where?**

In this round of applications, field studies must be conducted in one of the following countries: India, Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Makedonia, Moldavia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Belarus.

**Application**

Applications must include a project description (written in English) of approximately 750 words 2 pages in which the student shall indicate:

- Research Problem
- Purpose - to be clearly linked to ICLD overall goals and strategic areas.
- Research question
- Analytical framework - briefly present a theory that is relevant to the analysis of your case study.
- Method of study - how you plan to go about collecting the necessary materials to answer your research question, the persons/agencies you intend to visit/interview or other sources that you will make use of. It is essential that the study is feasible.
- Budget - the budget should include a detailed estimation of the cost of travel, lodging and other field work expenses. The sum can include expenses for vaccinations, local travel and other expenses related to the Fieldwork.
- Schedule where it shows how Fieldwork time will be used.

**Applications should also include:**

- A letter of support from the contact person in the Fieldwork country must be attached to the application.
- A letter of certification from the university to support the application must be attached to the application
- CV

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*The Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (IICLD) is part of the Swedish development cooperation. The mandate of the organization is to contribute to poverty alleviation by strengthening local governments.*