IALC Program Development Opportunities Fund

The IALC is offering seed funds to IALC member institutions for initiating and strengthening strategic contacts and relationships with funding agencies, and assembling consortium teams and developing proposals that can be submitted to appropriate funding agencies that will, ultimately, continue the success of the IALC. The intent is to move the IALC forward by tapping both the expertise and entrepreneurial energy of the faculty of IALC member institutions.

Support may be requested to (1) facilitate the development and preparation of proposals among member institution teams, up to $10,000 (i.e., travel to team meetings and meeting expenses), and (2) development of program concepts with potential sponsors up to $2,000 (i.e., travel to meetings with potential sponsors).

**Process:** Any member institution (or group of institutions) is encouraged to submit a short proposal (3-page maximum, including budget, excluding references and figures) to the IALC President. Proposals will be reviewed by a Review Committee that will make recommendations to the IALC Board of Directors. The proposal should include as appropriate to the request:
1. Technical description of project, including (a) problem to be addressed, (b) project objectives, (c) overview of methods & procedures, (d) expected outcomes, & (e) potential impacts;
2. Participating IALC member institutions, including specific individuals and their contribution to project objectives (broad membership inclusion is encouraged);
3. Targeted funding institution including (a) agency and specific opportunity to addressed (i.e., announcement of opportunity), and/or (b) program area, (c) budget limits/targets, and (d) responsible program officer;
4. Itemized budget and explanation.

Because some opportunities are highly time-sensitive, the intent is to make decisions within 30 days of receipt of the proposal.

**Accomplishments**
IALC supports the sustainable development, management, and restoration of arid and semi-arid lands through research & development projects. Examples include:

- Sustainable Development of Drylands in Asia & the Middle East (7-year USAID project)
- Human capacity building in Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Training and education for Afghan farmers
- Building an ‘Electronic Agriculture Library’ in Kabul
- Sustainable vegetable production in Jordan
- Water use and reuse in Jordan
- Anaerobic watershed treatment technology
- Sustainable grazing for Bedouin communities
- Ag business and marketing in the Middle East
- Re-vegetation and community development

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