

CRDF GLOBAL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT IN AZERBAIJAN

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Summary:

CRDF Global is seeking subject matter experts, qualified trainers, and mentors to support projects in Azerbaijan for the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) which advances biological threat reduction and capacity building in partner countries. Ideal candidates will possess a combination of education and relevant experience in veterinary medicine, human medicine, epidemiology, laboratory science, and public health-related fields. Individuals based outside Azerbaijan must be able to travel internationally.

Anticipated Scopes:

1. Science Mentorship Workshops – build the capacity of the partner countries’ science sustainment skills including identification and use of funding opportunities, presentation, and writing skills.
2. BS&S Refresher Workshops – support the development of the partner countries’ ability to safely and securely conduct work within BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories following internationally accepted guidelines and standards.
3. Proficiency Testing Program Mentorship – provide advanced mentoring to laboratory personnel who conduct ELISA and PCR testing.
4. EDP Collection and Consolidation Workshop – enhance the capacity of the partner country to safely and securely collect, transport, consolidate, and manage EDPs.
5. Biosafety-Biohazardous Waste Disposal Refresher Workshop – promote the partner countries’ compliance with proper biohazardous waste disposal methods.
6. Publication of Articles Mentorship – assist with the review, editing, and submission of peer-reviewed journal articles.

Expertise and Experience Needed:

CRDF Global is seeking those who have expertise and experience in one or more of the following:

- Biological safety and security for BSL-2 and BSL-3
- Biohazardous waste disposal
- Especially dangerous pathogens including collection, transportation, consolidation, and management
- ELISA and PCR testing, including data analysis
- Grantsmanship, scientific writing, and presentation
- Scientific mentorship
- Demonstrated ability to compete for research funding
- Documented experience with curriculum development and/or conducting trainings

Submission:

Interested individuals are requested to submit the following items:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest to summarize the following as they relate to the Expertise and Experience listed above:
 - Expertise and technical capabilities;
 - Past performance indicating any international experience, and any experience with DTRA BTRP;
- Hourly labor rate

The above-mentioned items should be submitted as electronic documents in PDF, Word, or Excel format to Annie Elshoff at aelshoff@crdfglobal.org with Science Engagement in Azerbaijan and the applicant's last name in the email subject line.

Background:

Founded in 1995, CRDF Global is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration through grants, technical resources, training, and services. Based in Arlington, Virginia with offices in the Eurasia and MENA regions, CRDF Global works with more than 40 countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Eurasia, and Asia. We specialize in bringing isolated scientific communities into the scientific mainstream through a variety of science engagement and capacity-building programs. CRDF Global encourages science cooperation between countries where official relations are strained.

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