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## Call for research

### About CIRDI

Established in 2013, the Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI) is an interdisciplinary coalition-based international institute focused on improving the capacity of developing country governments to optimize the contribution of the extractive industries to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. Central to CIRDI's mandate is the promotion of gender equality, environmental sustainability and good governance.

CIRDI is funded through a five-year start-up contribution from Global Affairs Canada (formerly DFATD) and operates across three coalition member academic sites: the University of British Columbia (UBC), Simon Fraser University (SFU) and École Polytechnique de Montréal (EPM). Additionally, CIRDI leverages Canadian and international expertise in natural resource stewardship. Now in its third year, CIRDI contributes to existing applied research and increases the technical and human resource capacity of developing country clients through education, training and knowledge sharing.

### Call for research

CIRDI's Integrated management and governance in extractives (IMAGinE) Mongolia project is working with the Ulaanbaatar-based United Nations International Think Tank for Land Locked Developing Countries to develop a program focused on the nexus between development in landlocked countries and the extractive sector. To initiate our planning for this program we are commissioning research that examines different aspects of this nexus. Most obviously, landlockedness has an impact on transportation and thus on the extractive industry's ability to ship import and export materials. But what about other consequences of landlockedness, such as energy or water, access to human resources, and attractiveness as an investment destination?

Expected deliverables are **a literature review** that provides an overview of the existing academic literature on landlockedness and resources, **a report** that goes beyond this review to systematically consider the impact of landlockedness on the development of the resource sector, and **a comprehensive bibliography** for the literature and review.

The UN counts 32 countries among the Landlocked Developing Countries (<http://unohrrls.org/about-lldc/country-profiles/>). This list includes countries that have been identified as focus countries for CIRDI activities: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali and Mongolia. Given this overlap, CIRDI is particularly interested in graduate student scholars from these countries or who are focused on these countries to carry out this work. The expected work completion date is **March 1, 2016** and the remuneration is \$2500 CDN, to be paid upon the satisfactory completion of the assignment. The work will be supervised by Dr. Julian Dierkes, a professor at UBC's Institute of Asian Research, and will be paid by CIRDI.

### To apply

In one PDF document please email your CV, a sample publication or paper, a one-page discussion of three central academic or applied publications examining the connection between landlockedness and resources, and a statement of availability to Andre Xavier at [andre.xavier@ubc.ca](mailto:andre.xavier@ubc.ca).

Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2016, 11:59pm PST.