



CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTE NITI POLICY RESEARCH GRANT 2015

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Niti announces a call for concept notes for research grants from eligible Nepali citizens who are at least enrolled in the second year of the Master's program. These competitive grants, of up to NRs. 3,00,000 (Rs. Three Lakh), will support a three- to nine-month long research project on the broader topic of **Urban Policy and Governance** in Nepal. The research topics can include comprehensive analysis of urban sector governance in Nepal to identify sectoral constraints or conduct analysis of sub-fields of urban development, e.g. municipal financing, urban poverty, housing, land use and transportation, urban environment, disaster management or any other related topics within urban policy and governance. The research conducted should have practical implications and the potential to strengthen public policy process in Nepal.

Interested researchers are requested to submit electronic copies of their proposals to info@nitifoundation.org by 5 p.m. June 28, 2015 with the subject "Niti Policy Research Grant 2015". Guideline to be followed for the application can be found in Niti's website at www.nitifoundation.org. An information session will also be held at Niti Foundation office depending upon the requests from the interested applicants. However, interested candidates should register their names prior to the information session.

Please note that the shortlisted candidates will have to give a short presentation to the selection committee and the final selected applicant/s must provide relevant and authentic documents of proof of eligibility.