

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS - BLOCKCHAIN

Call for research that propose use-cases for how blockchain based technological solutions can mitigate private sector development challenges in the Caribbean. A maximum of four (4) proposals will be selected to receive a minimum of USD\$1,000.00 and to work with a committee to develop each research paper over a period of three months.

What? Blockchain is essentially a technology that enables the creation of distributed transaction databases that can be consulted and validated, but not altered, by users of a network. It allows for the secure storage, exchange, and handling of assets or value. It holds a host of opportunities for helping small economies to improve the efficiency and value-added of products or services offered by public and private organizations.

Who? Researchers from across the world are invited to submit their applications electronically. Suggestions of challenges and research questions include, but may expand beyond, the following:

1. Inclusive Tourism:
2. Smart contracts
3. Access to finance
4. Traceability
5. Creative industry
6. High social impact
7. Efficiency & transparency
8. Blue or green economy

Where? The research must be relevant to the **13 beneficiary countries.**

Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago



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How much? The Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility will provide a minimum of USD\$1,000.00 lump sum contracts to each selected research proposal.

When?

Call for Research Proposals Launch	October 31, 2019
DEADLINE	December 6, 2019
Selection of Research Proposals Announced	December 2019
Kick-off Meeting (Peer Review Session 1)	December 2019
First Draft of Research Paper Due	
Peer Review Session 2	End of January 2020
Presentation of research findings	March 2020
Final Research Papers Due	April 2020
IDB Publication of selected final research papers	2020

How to Participate? Submit an application to this Call for Research Proposals (two-page abstracts) by the deadline of December 6, 2019. Submit proposals electronically to competecaribbean@iadb.org with the Subject “RESEARCH PROPOSAL: Blockchain, [Your Name/Institution]”. Inquiries related to this call can be sent to competecaribbean@iadb.org .

Submission Guidelines:



Download application:



Proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation committee coordinated by the SRC, Compete Caribbean and the IDB based on the relevance of the proposed research to address inclusive and sustainable economic development in the Caribbean, the originality and feasibility of the proposed technological solution, the proposed methodology, and the qualifications/experience of the researcher or research team.