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- **Q:** What is the Global Development Awards and Medals Competition?

**A:** The largest international competition for research on development, the Global Development Awards and Medals Competition is open to researchers who are citizens of developing and transition countries, and non-governmental organizations headquartered in these countries. The emphasis is on recognizing and supporting promising young talent and innovation in the field of development research, and development projects capable of significantly impacting the local communities.

The competition is held in three categories. Currently, GDN is accepting applications only for the *Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP)*.

**Category 1: Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP):** This Award is for exceptional, innovative **on-going development projects** that have been able to impact the holistic development of local communities and need further financial assistance for scaling-up. GDN is currently accepting applications only for this category of the competition.

**Category 2: Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD):** This Award is for applicants submitting **research proposals** that are seeking to explore any of the three competition themes (to be announced shortly) in an original, innovative and policy-relevant way. GDN will soon be accepting applications for this category of the competition.

**Category 3: Medals for Research on Development (Medals):** These medals are for **completed research papers** of outstanding nature on any of the three competition themes (to be announced shortly). GDN will soon be accepting applications for this category of the competition.

- Q:** Is *MIDP* open to development projects in developing and transition countries?

**A:** Yes, *MIDP* is open to all development projects being implemented in Africa, Asia, Commonwealth of Independent States, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Pacific Islands, and the transition economies of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The project must be managed by a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in a country in one of the above regions. The project must have started before **June 01, 2010**. Applications concerning a more recently implemented project, or only a

project idea, or a feasibility or baseline study will not be considered. Applications for funding conferences will also not be considered.

**Q:** How can I submit my application for *MIDP*?

**A:** Application along with the documents specified in the *MIDP* competition guidelines can be submitted as electronic files online on OPA (<http://opa.gdnet.org>). Please note that we do not accept hard copy of applications or those sent through post. On successful submission of application, you will receive an automated e-mail confirming your application 'tracking code' and 'password' which you can then use to update your application. If you are unable to submit your application through OPA, please contact us at [awards@gdnet.org](mailto:awards@gdnet.org) with the subject line: 'MIDP–Application Request'

**Q:** Can I edit and re-upload my already submitted application?

**A:** Yes, you can. To edit your submission, go to OPA and follow these steps:

1. Click on '**Update Entry**'.
2. Enter your '**Tracking Code**' and '**Password**'
3. Click '**Submit**'.

You can now edit or re-upload your submission.

**Q:** Is there a format in which I should submit my application?

**A:** Yes, submissions for *MIDP* are accepted only on the prescribed application template available online ([click here to download](#)). Submissions should not exceed 12 pages (excluding cover page and the table of contents). Format should be in Times New Roman, 11-point font with single line spacing. **Submissions must be in English language only.**

**Q:** What is the deadline for submitting an application for *MIDP*?

**A:** The deadline for submitting the online registration form, a full description of the project and proposal in the application template available online ([click here to download](#)), the organization's introduction and CVs of the applicants is **January 31, 2012** (Indian Standard Time 6:00 PM).

For more information on *MIDP*, the complete eligibility criteria and selection process please read the *MIDP* competition guidelines available online ([click here to download](#)). **Please note that applications that do not follow the guidelines will NOT be considered.** If you have further question(s) which are not addressed through the guidelines and this FAQ, please feel free to write to us at [awards@gdnet.org](mailto:awards@gdnet.org).