WICID ‘Dragon’s Den’ 2022

The WICID ‘Dragons’ Den’ style event is here, and WE WANT TO INVEST IN YOU!
If you need funding to develop your research ideas here’s your chance!

Warwick Interdisciplinary Centre for International Development:

WICID aims to support funding bids for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary, and research that supports the economic development and welfare of low- and middle-income countries. Such research may be connected to the four organising themes of WICID: gender, health, governance, and mobility. We will also support research bids on alternative themes.

The WICID ‘Dragon’s Den’

The WICID ‘Dragon’s Den’ style event is an opportunity for researchers at the University of Warwick to bid for funding to resource projects and activities which support the development of funding bids or research ideas in line with WICID’s aims.

Funds of up to £2,000 are available for activities or projects which:

1. Support the development of an external funding bid.
2. Support the development of a research idea, where a common working theme has been identified by a group of researchers and where a speculative bid can be prepared in advance of a specific call.

For a chance to attend the WICID ‘Dragon’s Den’ style event, researchers must submit a short paper application for assessment by our ‘Dragon’s’ (The WICID Executive). These will be shortlisted based on the criteria outlined below.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend the ‘Den’ and will get five minutes to pitch their research ideas to the ‘Dragons’. After the pitch the ‘Dragons’ have the opportunity to ask questions about the research and proposed activities.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the WICID ‘Dragon’s Den’ style event:

1. Applicants must be researchers at the University of Warwick, this includes post-graduate research students.
2. The proposal must demonstrate that funds will be spent by 31 July 2022.
3. At least one applicant for the bid must be available to attend the ‘Dragon’s Den’ event on Tuesday 08 February 2022.
Application guidelines:

1. Funds can be spent in the following ways: a workshop or other such activity bringing collaborators together in the same place; hiring a research assistant or funding bid consultant to help in the preparation and writing of the bid; any other activity directly related to the funding bid preparation, and which would otherwise not be possible.

2. The project should provide value for money – a justification of resources should be provided.

3. Recipients are asked to commit to writing a blog about their research idea and its importance for international development/global south studies, which we can disseminate to our networks through our blog, Think Development.

Applications should include the following:

1. 250 max. words on the theme, details of activity and funds required.

2. Brief timeline for the project, confirming the ability to spend funds by 31 July 2022.

3. Confirmation the recipients will:
   a) Write a blog for Think Development
   b) Acknowledge WICID in any resulting funding bids, publications, or activity.

Deadline for Applications: Monday 17 January 2022 12:00
Shortlisted applicants to be notified: Wednesday 26 January 2022

Dragon’s Den event: Tuesday 08 February 2022 15:30 – 17:00

Applications should be sent to the WICID administrator: WICID@warwick.ac.uk

Criteria for Decisions

Does the project:

1. Relate to an interdisciplinary and/or interdepartmental project at the University of Warwick that addresses an aspect of International Development.

2. Raise the profile of the work of WICID either through potential academic publications in the field of International Development OR contributing to our impact agenda (i.e., the work has an effect on the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia).

3. Have potential for an external funding bid.