THE SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
(Guidelines for developing a research proposal – summer 2015 Cycle)

SANDEE

The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) invites full proposals on the inter-linkages among economic development, poverty and environmental change.

SANDEE supports economics research related to environmental problems. Thus, proposals that do not have a strong economics component will not be considered. SANDEE is currently inviting research proposals under the over-arching theme: Learning across Borders: Economics of Environment and Natural Resource Management. Proposals are expected to focus on transboundary areas or compare environmental issues in at least two countries in South Asia. Full proposals will be further reviewed (internally/externally) for grant consideration. Proposals are sought from multi-disciplinary / multi-country / country projects and use of secondary data are encouraged. Institutional affiliation is required for receiving support.

Grant will range for 18-24 months. While the average grant size has been growing over the years, it has been around $25,000 for the last few cycles and a small number of larger grants (up to $50,000) will be considered in case of multi-country multi-disciplinary team of researchers (at least one economist PI or co-PI with different research skills involved in the proposed activities that could have larger policy relevance.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORMAT
Proposals should be no more than 10 single-space pages (12 point font with at least 1 inch margin in each side). Regrettably longer proposals will not be entertained (please use Appendices to include any additional but absolutely essential material, such as questionnaire, and 10 pages limit does not apply to these materials). **Please don't attach pages of publication list, just include 2-3 but the most significant publications in your CV as a signal of your past/best publications**. Joint proposals from more than one researcher are acceptable in case of multi-disciplinary/multi-country projects with clear allocation of tasks to the team members. Please use the following format:

1. Cover Sheet *(1 page)*
A. Study Title
B. Name of Principal Investigator(s), Address, phone, e-mail and fax number. (**Provide same information if you have a co-PI – required!**)
C. Institutional Affiliation and Country
D. Date of Proposal
E. Amount requested and duration of project
F. Summary of research project *(1-2 paragraphs)* This should be self-contained summary of the project's aims, research methods, and anticipated results.

2. Project Description. This section should include the following:
A. Research Problem *(1 page)*. Please provide a clear and simple description of your research problem, the socio-economic and environmental context, and potential policy implications of the study.
B. Study Goals. Please identify your overall goal of the study, specific objectives /research question.

C. Literature Review *(no more than 2 pages)*. Please restrict your review to literature and results most pertinent to your study only since you have limited space. You should clearly identify the research gaps.

D. Research Methods *(3-5 pages)*:
1. Theoretical ideas underlying the study (This section should provide logical/ theoretical/ behavioral model and should be linked to other parts of the proposal such as hypothesis, research question and empirical method. Research method is not how you analyze your data, or what econometric model you will use.; *no more than 2 pages*)
2. Hypothesis to be tested, if any
3. Variables to be measured, if any
4. Data to be used and collection methods (sampling plan, sample size, unit, etc.)
5. A description of the study site, if any
6. Detailed empirical methods for data analyses.
7. A matrix showing the links between *each* objective, research design, variables need, empirical method, and data sources.

E. Results and dissemination. Please include:
1. Expected results
2. Local, regional, or national policy implications
3. Dissemination strategy.

F. Researchers' Skills. Please identify the specific roles and responsibilities of team members (if more than one researcher is involved, tasks division is needed).

G. Timeline. Please include a schedule of activities. Grants are likely to be made for 18-24 months duration.

H. References: List of cited literature in the text.

I. Appendices (this part does not count for your 10-page limit, but please be brief):
a. Draft questionnaire if primary data collection is proposed and if you have such questionnaire.
b. Financial Information – Estimated budget (details are not needed at this stage, but tentative)
c. Biographical Information/CV *(no more than 2 pages total)*. This section should include:
i) One paragraph summarizing researcher(s)' education, experience and accomplishments relevant to the project.
ii) Researcher(s)' sort CV (including that of co-PI, if any).