



The John D. Rockefeller 3RD Scholars Program: CULTIVATING SCHOLAR-LEADERS IN ASIA

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at WINROCK INTERNATIONAL

The John D. Rockefeller 3RD Scholars Program (JDR3 Scholars) was created by Winrock International in 2004 to continue the Rockefeller family's longstanding commitment to building the capacity and leadership skills of Asian scholars.

The program promotes independent social science research and strengthens analytic skills in young professionals by giving grants to multi-disciplinary, applied research teams. Research themes focus on agricultural and environmental challenges facing the rural poor.

How Does the Program Strengthen Local Research Skills?

Applied research grants are targeted at local, mid-career researchers and professionals who have few opportunities for funding. Mentoring provided during the grant competition process by JDR3 staff and local experts is designed to strengthen analysis and synthesis skills.

Local experts representing academia, government, donors and the private sector serve on review committees tailored to each team's needs, providing quality control and assistance with outreach to policy-makers.

Training on using research results to inform policy is provided to enable participating researchers to advise key decision makers on policy and practice.

Addressing Rural Challenges: A Participatory Approach

Local data and analysis can help decision makers understand and address local issues. JDR3 research teams act as a bridge between rural communities and decision makers, using participatory research techniques to produce high-quality information on local needs and recommendations for policy responses.

Carrying On the A/D/C Legacy

Winrock has a long and distinguished history of successful capacity building programs in Asia, beginning with the Agricultural Development Council (A/D/C), founded by John D. Rockefeller III.

Between 1954 and 1985, the A/D/C provided fellowships to 587 Asian students for advanced degrees in agricultural economics and related social sciences.

Many A/D/C fellows went on to become leaders in government, academia and the private sector.

In 1985, the A/D/C merged with two other Rockefeller family-related organizations to form Winrock International.

How are JDR3 Research Teams selected?

Each JDR3 grant competition is judged by a committee of local experts. **Phase I** of the grant competition is an open call for five-page concept papers.

The top three applicants are given small planning grants and six weeks to build multi-disciplinary teams and write full proposals.

In **Phase II**, one proposal is selected to receive the research grant.

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