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All Governors

Dear Honorable Governor,

Call for PhD Research Grant Applications to Robert S. McNamara (RSM) Fellowships Program: Application Period - October 5 to November 2, 2016

I am pleased to attach information regarding the *PhD Research Grant Applications to the World Bank Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program* in support of PhD research in developing countries.

Each year, the World Bank Robert S. McNamara Program awards grants of up to US\$25,000 for developing countries' PhD candidates to conduct innovative, development-related, research under the supervision of a research advisor at a host institution abroad. The next call for applications will be open from **October 5 to November 2, 2016**.

We would like to encourage you to share this information with interested PhD candidates, whose research focuses on issues of poverty alleviation and shared prosperity in top-level universities, research centers, and relevant professional networks in your country to assure we reach the best and brightest candidates. The program coordinators are looking particularly for those PhD candidates, who are currently employed by academic or research institutions in developing countries.

An electronic flyer is attached for more information. **Interested applicants should submit their completed applications online at <http://www.worldbank.org/scholarships>.**

Please accept, Dear Honorable Governor, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larose".

Louis, Rene, Peter Larose
Executive Director