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UI JOINS TETFUND SPONSORED ARIFA PROGRAMME

University of Ibadan has joined the Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa (ARIFA) programme of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund). Since 2022, the TETFund has been funding ARIFA through Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), the technical arm of the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA), with a goal of systematic infusion of a new crop of academics into tertiary institutions. The aim of the programme is delivery of commensurate competencies in Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D). The partnership leverages the best practice of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) strategy of FARA to contribute to building the knowledge-based economy through TETFund Centers of Excellence (TCoE) across the country.

The programme targets five hundred (500) fellows drawn from a cohort of Nigerian tertiary institutions to undertake tailor-made MSc and Ph.D. programmes in various fields of sciences related to agriculture in Brazilian Universities led by the Brazilian Federation of International Education (FAUBAI) and the Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV) – Federal University of Viçosa.

The programme will involve establishment of ARIFA Innovation Platform (IP) to serve as the science-business mechanism for delivering livelihoods to host communities. It will be managed by the ARIFA fellows upon return to Nigeria.

UI WINS FRENCH GOVERNMENT RESEARCH GRANT FOR AI IN HEALTH

University of Ibadan wins the French government “Research in health, innovation, information, and artificial intelligence (RHI3)” research grant along with four other institutions in Nigeria to the value of €30,000 per project under the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects, an initiative of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs which was launched in 2021.



The project aims at creating the right environment for starting research collaboration between a few institutions focusing on a shared concern - Adapting Health to today’s challenges and opportunities. The project will be multidisciplinary, collaborative, and inclusive. It consists of

three components: i) Supporting E-health Development; ii) Encouraging Frugal Innovation; iii) project management. Specifically, the project will “build capacity for frugal and agile research in e-health and medical engineering while fostering collaboration between selected Nigerian and French institutions.” The project targets reproductive health specifically with focus on engineering, public health, medicine, computer science, data science, robotics, supply chain, ethics, applied social science.



The University of Ibadan project, led by Dr. Seyi Osunade of the Department of Computer Science, is titled: “Gestational Blood Sugar Tracker (GBST): An innovative method for the detection, prevention, and treatment of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)”. The project will develop, and pilot test an artificial intelligence (AI) mobile application that screens, tracks and offers treatment for Gestational

Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) using tests based on global standards and a localized lifestyle modification solution. The expected outcomes include Developed AI mobile app for GDM detection, patient education, referral, treatment plan and tracking; Report on impact of localized lifestyle modification treatment of GDM; and Report on legal perspectives of AI-based health solutions and dataset consisting of blood sugar results for pregnant women.



Group Picture at the Prize Remittance Ceremony in Abuja on Wednesday June 22, 2022.

Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is a common medical disorder in pregnancy that accounts for 3-5% of antenatal

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presentation worldwide. The World Health Organization (WHO) defined GDM as onset of elevated blood glucose above normal level that is first recognised during pregnancy. Generally, GDM is usually diagnosed with repeat elevated blood glucose readings from oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) using the 2013 WHO criteria.

The other members of the research team are Dr. Imran Morhason-Bello of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dr. Oluyemisi Folasire of the Department of Nutrition and Dr. Deborah Adeyemo of the Faculty of Law.

UNIVERSITY OF JOS OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT'S STAFF ON A ONE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO THE RMO

On Tuesday, June 28, 2022, a three-man team from the University of Jos led by Professor Musa A.B. Gaiya - Director of the Office of Research and Development (ORD)-were on a one-day working official visit to the University of Ibadan's Research Management Office (RMO). Other members of the ORD team are Mr Mark G. Kparmak - Principal Assistant Registrar, ORD and Mr James Ameh - Proposal Writer Advancement Office. They were received by the Director, Prof. A. S. Jegede, in the company of Mr E. P. Aigberua, Head of Research Development and P Unit, and Mrs Mary Eni-Olajide of the Finance Unit.



From Left: Mrs Mary Eni-Olajide (UIRMO), Mr James Ameh (ORD), Professor Ayodele Jegede (Director, UIRMO), Professor Musa A. B. Gaiya (Director ORD), Mr Mark G. Kparmak (ORD) and Mr Paul Aigberua (UIRMO)

The purpose of the visit was to understudy the RMO on research policy document, the operational relationship between the RMO and Faculties/Colleges and Schools in terms of policies or Standard Operations Procedure (SOP) that govern this relationship, the professional career path for the RMO to assist the ORD/UniJos to develop its career path for Research Administrators and Managers, Facility and Administration(F&A) policy, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) or policy for grant submission to Funders, research ethics/Institutional Review Board (IRB) policy, and any other support document and discussions that can help the ORD.

Generally, the team appreciated the RMO for a productive discussion and promised to use the knowledge gained from the interaction in implementing a viable research management structure in their institution.

UI Researcher Received Commendation for Excellent Work

Professor TA Akanji of IPSS received a starter grant of £25,000 in 2021 from the UK's Global Challenges Research funded networking to undertake a project titled,

A 'hidden' crisis-in-crisis: a transformative agenda 'Boko-haram and education' in the countries of the Lake-Chad region through visual narratives.

The networking activities were carried out in four nations of the Lake Chad region - Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, and Chad.



Professor Tajudeen Akanji (Lead) and Dr. Margaret Ebubedike (Co-Lead)

TIMA is a Kanuri word for HOPE. The tree artwork was designed by the children of Lake Chad to indicate that they have hope for a brighter future despite the devastation of the armed conflict in their region

The networking research was led by: ProfessorTajudeen Akanji, University of Ibadan Nigeria in collaboration with Dr Margaret Ebubedike, Open University, UK. An exhibition of the book and documentary on the voices and impressions of the children of Lake Chad was presented on 27, May 2022 at the OU Milton Keynes and the feedback from the attendees was impressive from the commendation email from the OU. Below are the excerpts of the commendation:

"I want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your leadership and insights in relation to the Lake Chad GCRF networking project.

"As so many exhibition participants have said, showing the locally created outputs from young people across four nations in the protracted conflict and crisis context of the Lake Chad region is an incredibly valuable and important research project. The exhibition was clearly the culmination of a great deal of creativity, care, effort and dedication.

"An example from the many testimonies received is "I found what Professor Akanji, Margaret and others have been doing to empower those children and give them a voice to be very moving and inspiring".

PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF COVID-19

The novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is a new strain of the virus that has not been previously identified in humans. SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Federal Ministry of Health, through the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), has activated a national Emergency Operations Centre at the highest level and is leading the national response. A National Rapid Response Team has been deployed to support affected State Governments with response activities.

As at 1st of May 2020 there were 18 laboratories in NCDC's molecular laboratory network with the capacity to test for COVID-19 in Nigeria, more are still being added. These laboratories were sufficiently equipped with reagents and supplies for testing.

On the 27th of April, President Muhammadu Buhari announced that there would be a phased and gradual easing of the lockdown in these locations. He added that, however, the following additional preventive measures would be enforced:

- Mandatory use of non-medical face mask/covering for all persons while in public spaces. Use of medical latex hand gloves are prohibited
- Mandatory provision of handwashing facilities/sanitizers and extensive temperature checks in all public spaces. Anyone with temperature above 38 degrees Celsius will not be allowed into public spaces and should be told to return home
- Mandatory temperature checks in public spaces
- Prohibition of interstate travel except for essential travels and services
- Prohibition of gatherings of more than twenty (20) persons outside of a workplace
- Prohibition of gatherings of more than twenty (20) persons at a funeral; all infection prevention and control measures and physical distancing of 2 metres must be adhered to
- Controlled access to markets and locations of economic activities
- Physical distancing of 2 metres between people in workplaces and other public spaces

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Members of the University Community should undertake simple measures to prevent the spread of the virus, by following these measures:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap under running water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitiser if water is not available
- Cover your mouth and nose properly with a tissue paper when sneezing and/or coughing. Dispose of the tissue properly immediately after use. You may also cough into your elbow if a tissue is not available
- Maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing repeatedly
- Maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance with other people when in public places
- Wear a non-medical face mask/covering when leaving the house
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Ensure routine cleaning of high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, light switches etc.
- Consciously distance yourself at least two (2) meters to the next person. Stay 6 feet away, especially if the person around is coughing or sneezing.
- Do not shake hands or hug any person.
- Unnecessary visitors should not be allowed
- An ill person should be asked to stay away from the office
- Offices can practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example tables, desk, light switch, sinks, electronics, door handles, toilets, etc.
- If you have recently returned from a place or area within the last 14 days with widespread of transmission and have a fever, cough, or breathing difficulty, stay at home and call your state hotline or the NCDC on 080097000010.
- Self-isolate if you returned from any place or area within the last 14 days with widespread transmission of COVID-19

ABOUT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 appears to cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like fever, cough and difficulty breathing. From current evidence, about 80 persons out of 100 persons with the disease will recover. In about 10- 15% of cases, it will cause severe illness. It appears that death is not a common outcome and occurs mostly in patients with underlying health issues.

There is no specific treatment yet for COVID-19. However, many of the symptoms can be treated. Treatment is based on the patient's clinical condition, but supportive care for infected persons can be highly effective.

The above are precautionary measures to guide and protect us as individuals and entire system at large. Therefore, we are encouraged to kindly observe the prevention measures conscientiously.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF PROFESSOR M. O OWOLABI AS THE INTEGRITY ICON OF NIGERIA (IION) BY CENTER FOR ETHICS AND SELF- VALUE ORIENTATION (CESVO) AT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BOARD ROOM

On the 19th of June 2022, the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, was awarded the Corporate Certificate of Credence, while the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor Mayowa Ojo Owolabi, was awarded the honorific title of Integrity Icon of Nigeria (IION) by the Centre for Ethics and Self Value Orientation.



Professor Mayowa Owolabi receiving the award from the National Executive Director of the Center for Ethics and Self Value Orientation (CESVO), Prince Saliah Musa Yakubu, to the admiration of the Deputy Provost, Professor Fatai Adeniyi.

The Centre for Ethics and Self Value Orientation (CESVO) is a Lokoja-based international non-state-actor majoring in exposing corruption, promoting ethical leadership, providing ethical education and self-value orientation of global citizens, fully represented by the National Executive Director, Prince Saliah Musa Yakuba, Ethics Ambassador Abdul Malik Sahaibu and the entire team.

The National Executive Director of the Center for Ethics and Self Value Orientation (CESVO), Prince Saliah Musa Yakubu, listed the ten thematic areas used to evaluate the performance of institutions. They include emotional intelligence, management of administrative conflict of interest, time-management culture, innovation approach, solutions to National problems, SERVICOM, and physical discipline.

After sixteen weeks of thorough investigation across 774 LGAs, the College of Medicine on behalf of the University was found worthy. The Faculty of Clinical Sciences, under the leadership of Professor Mayowa Owolabi, was ranked number one among the top three highly rated Faculties of Clinical Science.

Prince Saliah Musa Yakubu declared that the College of Medicine scored 82% on the evaluation to be awarded the Certificate of precedence under the administration of Professor Mayowa Owolabi, the Dean of Clinical Sciences. He went further to distinguish Professor Mayowa Ojo Owolabi who scored 79% on

professional ethical compliance to emerge as the Integrity Icon of Nigeria.



As a reward for the awards won by both the University and the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, for efficient service delivery, the National Executive Director, Prince Saliah Musa Yakubu, offered a 100 slot for capacity building on Ethical leadership.

The Provost, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, who was represented by the Deputy Provost, Professor Fatai Adeniyi, gave the closing remark with sincere gratitude to the entire team of CESVO for such a commendable gesture and recognition of public servants and private organisations in leadership across Nigeria.



FULFILLING BOUNDLESS ASPIRATIONS: THE IBRT SUCCESS STORY

The Ibadan Bacteriophage Research Team is one of the University of the Ibadan's Leading Undergraduate Research Organisations and unarguably one of the few early-career research projects in any African university focusing on bacteriophage biology and genomic research. The team was founded in 2018 by a team of eight Biomedical Science researchers (Prof. O.G Ademowo- Founder and Faculty Head; Prof. J. I. Anetor; Dr M.O Adewumi; Dr A.S Bakarey; Dr Temitope O. C. Faleye - Research Supervisors; Mrs V.O. Ogunleye; Mrs Ini Adebisi, and Mr Raifu Muideen - Wet Laboratory Supervisors. It was established in collaboration with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Pittsburgh USA, under the project SEA-PHAGES (Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Sciences). The team aims to provide a platform for early-career research engagement for undergraduate students of the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science, University of Ibadan, through her unique Faculty-guided, student-driven research model. The team maintains an adventure-based learning structure sustained by healthy mentor-mentee guidance.

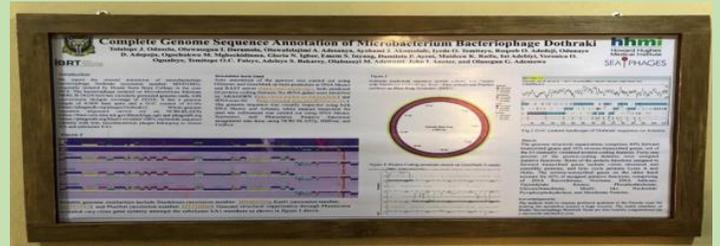
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Some IBRT members with Professor O.G Ademowo at the UNIBADAN Conference on Biomedical Research, 2021 (Tolulope Oduselu stands on the left of Professor O.G. Ademowo).

The team from its inception has also trained more than 50 undergraduate students of the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences and those of the Departments of Physiology and Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, through her faculty-based research project, BAMSSA Research Hub. To date, the team has published three review papers and presented more than 20 conference abstracts on different subjects of bacteriophage biology. Most notably are the UNIBADAN Conference on Biomedical Research 2021, BioAccess Conference- Rockefeller University, Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rice University- 2020, Viruses of Microbes Conference- International Society of Viruses for Microbes 2022. Some of these conference presentation posters are now on display at the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science building. The team has completed the genomic characterisation of six bacteriophage (Idaho, Dothraki, Phishy, Sedona, Popper, and Gretchen) sequences, all accessible on NCBI and Actinobacteriophage databases. The team hosts annually the [World Phage Week virtual conference](#) which plays host to more than 150 delegates from more than 15 countries all over the world. The event is jointly sponsored by Phage Directory, Phase Genomics, Indian Bacteriophage Research Consortium, and the Tailor Laboratory of the Baylor College of Medicine, Texas. The team also partners with the Ibadan Enterovirus Research Team in the Department of Virology, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, to investigate the epidemiology of bacteriophages in Non-Human Primates. The team has also published the first issue of its Journal, PHAMILIA, the first undergraduate journal in bacteriophage biology in Africa.

The success of the team has been widely recognised. An article titled "Ibadan Bacteriophage Research Team- A SEA-PHAGES team with a difference," published by Phage Directory, an international bacteriophage research news outlet, detailed the journey of the team in the course of the global COVID-19 pandemic and how the team leveraged on her indigenously designed virtual training programme to sustain her genomic research training. Most recently, in an article titled "A Phage Agent of Change", published by the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the genomic research journey of Tolulope Oduselu, the pioneer student team leader of the Ibadan Bacteriophage Research Team, was highlighted. Tolulope Oduselu who served as the head of research for IBRT and the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences Research Hub is also a recipient of the International Society of Viruses of Microbes Early Career Scientist Grant for the VOM 2022 conference. In 2020, he was also recognised by the European Society of Clinical Medicine and Infectious Diseases as the youngest honouree on the list of 30 distinguished researchers under the age of 30. He is a member of numerous international scientific societies, such as the Wellcome Trust Surveillance for Epidemiology and Drug-Resistant Infections Consortium; the American Society of Microbiology; the International Society of Viruses for Microbes, and the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.



One of the IBRT's Conference Posters at the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences Lobby

It is undeniable that the success story of the Ibadan Bacteriophage Research Team epitomises the vision of the University of Ibadan to be one of the leading research institutions in the world. The team has carved a niche in the field of bacteriophage biology and continues to use her genomic research training model to advocate active early-career research engagement. The enabling learning environment provided by the Faculty Team led by Professor O.G. Ademowo has allowed enthusiastic undergraduate students like Tolulope to shine bright and pursue their research goals at an early stage.



Members of IBRT Faculty Team and Students during the Poster Presentation Ceremony at the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences.

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AFRICAN STUDIES CENTRE LEIDEN

<https://www.ascleiden.nl/content/visiting-fellowship-programme>

Visiting Fellowship Programme

Visiting research fellows use their time in Leiden for data analysis and/or writing, often on a joint project with one or more ASCL staff members. A visiting research fellowship is for a maximum of 90 days.

On occasion, the ASCL also hosts self-financed visitors (PhD students or visiting academics).

Requirements

In order to be eligible for a Visiting Research Fellowship, the applicant has to meet all of the following criteria.

He or she must:

- Hold a PhD degree, by the time of applying;
- Have conducted research, as part of the PhD and/or in later projects; with a focus on Africa;
- Be actively pursuing an academic/research career;
- Have published books, book chapters and/or journal articles in recent years that meet international standards;
- In accordance with visa regulations, be ready to return to the country of which he/she is a citizen and/or a current resident upon completion of the fellowship.

In the assessment of applications that meet these requirements,

1. Preference will be given to applicants based in Africa. 'Africa' here refers to the member states of the African Union. 'Based in' Africa is understood to mean having lived in Africa during at least two of the last four years; and
2. Emphasis will be placed on the quality, intended outputs and feasibility of the research project proposed for the fellowship.

How to apply

The application form for a 90-day fellowship from January to March 2023 or from April to June 2023 can be found here (Word document). The deadline for applications is 24 July 2022.

Reviewing procedure

Each applicant has to indicate the CRG (Collaborative Research Group) they want to be linked with, and the topic of research must fit in with the CRGs research. Each CRG makes a shortlist of preferred candidates. The visiting fellowship committee makes the final decision on the basis of the CRG shortlists.

Practical matters

A research fellowship includes:

- A return ticket (economy class).
- A daily stipend to cover living expenses.
- Accommodation in Leiden: a fellow is provided with his/her own single bed/sitting room. Kitchen and bathroom are to be shared with a maximum of two other fellows (male/female). If the offered accommodation is unacceptable for the fellow, he/she is requested to look for alternative accommodation him/herself. Alternative accommodation will not be paid for by the fellowship/institute.
- A medical/liability insurance (please note that this insurance does not cover the cost of treatment of a pre-existing medical condition).
- The use of (shared) office facilities and of library facilities.

Self-financed visitors

Self-financed visitors can request to spend some time at the ASCL for research purposes. They will be offered a desk and computer (depending on availability) and they can make full use of the ASCL's library facilities. The ASCL cannot offer these guests assistance in travel arrangements, visa application and/or finding accommodation.

For more information on the regular fellowship programme or on self-financed visits, contact Maaïke Westra: m.a.westra@asc.leidenuniv.nl

Postdoctoral Fellowship at Uppsala University, Sweden

Uppsala University, Sweden invites online Application for various Postdoctoral Fellowship in their different Departments. We are providing a list of Postdoc Fellowship positions available at Uppsala University, Sweden.

Eligible candidate may Apply as soon as possible.

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Researcher position in Physical Chemistry with focus on Preparation and

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Study of Semiconducting Polymer Nanoparticles in Bio-hybrid System for Solar Fuel Production.

The main duties involved in this position is to conduct research. The candidate will perform research to develop and study organic polymer nanoparticles in bio-hybrid systems for solar fuel production. The candidate will collaborate with several groups within EU and China. Teaching may also be included, but up to no more than 20% of working hours.

Deadline : 15 July 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=521518>

Postdoctoral position in genetic epidemiology

The project will focus on genetic and epidemiological studies of complex diseases. The primary task is to analyze large-scale cohort and registry data, including both risk factors (including obesity, hormonal levels, lifestyle, diet), protein biomarkers, and genetic/genomic data (GWAS, whole-genome sequencing (WGS), whole-exome sequencing data (WES)). The secondary aim is to construct polygenic risk scores to identify individuals at high risk to develop a disease. The duties include planning, conducting data analysis, compiling results, and writing and presenting scientific works.

Deadline : Open until Filled

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Postdoctoral position in Bioinformatics

The research project is focused on gene expression analysis of heart tissue related to different types of heart failure. Bioinformatics analysis of differently expressed genes including functional characterisations and regulation of metabolic networks. In addition, we will analyse biomarkers and proteomics data. Our research group is also looking at new methods for bioinformatics characterisation and subdivision of large protein families.

Deadline : August 29 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=523386>

Postdoctoral position in experimental hadron physics

We are looking for a post doc who can participate in the collection and analysis of data from BESIII or Belle II, as well as to develop software tools for particle reconstruction. The post doc is expected to participate in meetings and workshops abroad and work with simulations, reconstruction, analysis and interpretation of data, as well as to contribute to tasks relevant for the operation and improvement of the experiment.

Deadline : 15 August 2022

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Researcher in Building Physics 100%

We are looking for a candidate with a strong background in building physics to strengthen our team working with energy efficiency in historic buildings. The main work tasks will be connected to the research project "Assessment of energy efficiency measures in detached historic houses" funded by the Swedish Energy Agency. The aim of the project, which ends 2024-06-30, is to assess the technical consequences of retrofit measures. Packages of energy efficiency measures in detached Swedish houses will be identified and assessed in the project. The candidate will perform simulations of energy use, indoor climate and hygrothermal risks.

Deadline : 15 August 2022

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Two Postdoctoral positions in Computational Biochemistry

Current research projects involve computational analysis of enzyme evolution and adaptation, mechanistic characterization of signal transduction through G-protein-coupled receptors and software development. The work will involve molecular dynamics and QM/MM computer simulations, free energy calculations, molecular docking, bioinformatics analysis and modelling of protein structure, as well as software development.

Deadline : August 1 2022

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1-2 Research position in molecular evolution

The research in Siv Andersson's group aims to provide a deeper understanding of the forces and mechanisms that drive the evolution of bacterial genomes. The goal of this project is to analyse genomic, transcriptomic, and proteomic data from *Lactobacillus* bacteria isolated from the honeycrop of honeybees and use the data to learn more about their metabolic and regulatory systems. Bioinformatic studies of the metabolic and regulatory systems in Planctomycetes, which are bacteria but contain elaborate intracellular membranes, may also be performed to increase our understanding of the transition from simple to more complex cell structures.

Deadline : August 12 2022

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Postdoctoral position in molecular evolution

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Deadline : August 12 2022

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Postdoctoral position in peace and conflict research

The project is structured in a set of cross-cutting (CC) activities that bind the various efforts together and a set of outcome specific work-packages (WPs). The selected Postdoctoral researcher will work with CC1 Joint impact assessment (with Prof. Håvard Hegre), which coordinates the impact assessments in all the outcome-specific WPs, ensuring consistency in terms of methods, data, and definitions of outcome metrics and units of analysis, and binding the work together utilizing the risk framework.

Deadline : 30 August 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=503582>

Postdoctoral position in development of radiopharmaceuticals

We are looking for a postdoc in development of radiolabelled theranostic agents for diagnostic and treatment of prostate cancer. The project is a part of a larger program focusing on imaging and therapy of prostate cancer using antagonist of gastrin releasing peptide receptor (GRPR), PSMA inhibitors and targeting scaffold proteins. The overall goal is to investigate factors influencing targeting properties of the protein-based targeting agent and their excretion pathways. The project involves development and optimisation of labelling methods for gallium-68, indium-111, technetium-99m, lutetium-177 and other radionuclides, characterisation of labelled proteins and their in vitro and in vivo investigation. The exact description of the tasks depends on the individual skills and research interests of the applicant.

Deadline : 15 July 2022

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Postdoctoral position in glass nanoparticles for energy applications

At IFA, the Department of X-ray Physics, research is conducted on functional materials using XUV and advanced X-ray-based spectroscopy. The current position is opened up for operations in nanoparticle technology. The materials of interest are so-called upside-down converting nanoparticles of rare earth metals and semiconductors with a focus on exploring the capture of infrared and ultraviolet light to activate solar cells in window glass in buildings. The activity will complement existing research in the areas of nanotechnology, solar cells and energy materials carried out at the department. The research is part of the project "IR functionalized solar cells" with support from the Swedish Energy Agency (STEM 52495-1).

Deadline : 1 September 2022

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Post-doctoral researcher in gene therapy for Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease and is characterized by pathologically altered forms of the protein amyloid-beta in different parts of the brain. The treatment, which is aimed at increasing the levels of the signal substance acetyl choline, only relieves symptoms and is not aimed at the underlying disease process. There is therefore a great need to develop new therapies. One possibility may be to influence the formation of amyloid-beta with new gene therapeutic methods. The gene encoding this protein, APP, may in rare cases be mutated, leading to the formation of either more amyloid-beta, or an altered form of the protein. However, the vast majority of cases are sporadic, but even for these there is evidence that increased expression of APP is central in the disease process. In an ongoing project, the research team is developing a gene editing method to reduce the formation of amyloid-beta.

Deadline : 15th August 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=519818>

Researcher in orthopedics

As a researcher you will be asked to evaluate the growth and differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells and osteoblasts from mouse or humans for various ceramic and metallic materials using microscopy, flow cytometry, ELISA and qPCR. Furthermore, bacterial growth and formation of biofilm on different materials will be studied using microbiological methods. The tasks include independent writing of articles and presenting the results at national and international conferences. The tasks also include collaboration with other researchers within the research group and you are expected to supervise students at the master's degree level and doctoral students with a maximum of 20% of your working hours. You will be supervising two biomedical scientists/research assistants.

Deadline : 12th of July 2022

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Postdoctoral position in Induced pluripotent stem cell disease modelling

The group is focused on functional genomics including the identification of mechanisms and pathophysiology associated with genetic disorders. Over the last decade the research group has identified a number of novel genes/gene

variants and mechanisms associated with disease. A limiting factor in the studies of central nervous system (CNS) disorders has been models that recapitulate the human brain. To this end, the group has established induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC) technology. We have reprogrammed somatic cells from patients with various genetic disorders of the CNS. The goals are to identify novel disease mechanisms at the cellular and molecular levels as well as to develop a 3D model for CNS (i.e. organoids). Analysis is performed on entire cell-populations as well as on single cells using e.g. functional assays, immunostainings, transcriptome- and methylome-profiling. Models are validated using CRISPR/Cas9 modifications of iPSC. The projects aim to reveal novel mechanisms and biomarkers associated with CNS disorders for improved diagnostics as a step towards drug development.

Deadline : 15 August 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=514805>

Postdoc position in materials chemistry, metal hydrides for hydrogen compression

Postdoctoral fellow in the group of bulk materials within the research program for inorganic chemistry. The research focuses on how material properties are affected by chemical composition and crystal structure. For example, we study how the chemical composition affect the hydrogen absorption/desorption properties. An important area is new alloys for hydrogen compression and storage. The post doctor will work in the border area between chemistry, physics and materials theory; more specifically, with the synthesis and characterizations of new high entropy alloys for application in hydrogen compression. The project will be carried out in the group of Professor Martin Sahlberg at the Department of Chemistry-Angstrom. The project is a collaboration between Uppsala University and Sandia National labs, US, as the international partner. Synthesis using high temperature methods such as electric arc furnace, induction furnace and possibly solid-gas methods will be used. Characterization will primarily be conducted using diffraction methods like single crystal X-ray diffraction, Neutron diffraction and in situ measurements using synchrotron radiation.

Deadline : 1 August 2022,

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=503032>

Postdoctoral researcher position in multiscale modeling methods for Li-ion battery materials

The goal of the project is to extend the fundamental understanding of the mechanisms governing the ion transport in Li-ion battery electrolyte materials. The research will mainly focus on the development of new, and computationally efficient, strategies for multi-scale modelling that enable systematic studies of hypothetical materials on a large scale. The scientific outcome is expected to provide guidelines to identify and optimize such materials and to form the basis for the development of future-generations of rechargeable batteries. The work will be carried out within the Computational Materials Chemistry group (CMC – <http://www.teoroo.kemi.uu.se/>) and in close collaboration with experimental activities at the Ångström Advanced Battery Centre (A²BC –

<https://kemi.uu.se/angstrom/research/structural-chemistry/aabc>, which are both parts of the structural chemistry program at Uppsala University.

Deadline : 1 of August 2022

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<https://www.uu.se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=517417>

Up to Two positions for Postdocs in Automatic Control focusing on secure learning and control in large-scale systems

The successful candidate will join the Secure Learning and Control Laboratory, a growing interdisciplinary research group doing basic and applied research at the intersection of cybersecurity, control theory, and machine learning. Our vision is to develop methodologies for designing intelligent autonomous decision-making systems that are secure and resilient against malicious adversaries. These postdoctoral positions will intensify our work (on both method development and applications) in secure learning and control and may, if the candidate wishes, be paired with real-world applications in e.g. water networks, smart grids, or robotics. The position might also include teaching in related subjects.

Deadline : 29 July 2022

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Postdoctoral Fellowship at Stockholm University, Sweden

Stockholm University, Sweden invites online Application for various Postdoctoral Fellowship in their different Departments. We are providing a list of Postdoc Fellowship positions available at Stockholm University, Sweden.

Eligible candidate may Apply as soon as possible.

(01) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral Fellow in Experimental Particle Physics

The project will be carried out within the experimental particle physics group at Stockholm University, which is a part of the Oskar Klein Centre for Cosmoparticle Physics, and will be focused on analysis of the high energy proton-proton collisions collected with the ATLAS experiment at CERN's Large Hadron Collider. The Stockholm group has been active in the construction, commissioning and calibration of several ATLAS detector components: the Tile Calorimeter and the First Level Trigger system and continues to carry responsibilities in these areas.

Deadline : 31 July 2022.

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18404

(02) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral Fellow in Materials Chemistry

The aim of the overall project has two facets: to develop new, fast, and energy-efficient sorbents for carbon dioxide capture from air and to develop materials that can be used in water purification. The funding comes from the MistraTerraClean foundation and a company partner. The postdoctoral fellow will focus on synthesizing and characterizing aminated materials for CO₂ capture and materials suitable for the removal of for example Zn²⁺ from water. We envisage studies which, in addition to the studies of the synthesis of the materials also studies of the uptake and release of CO₂ and metal ions.

Deadline : 24 July 2022.

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18399

(03) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Researcher in Marine Molecular Ecotoxicology (temporary employment)

The position will be associated with the project PROMISE (Improved Ecological Risk Assessment of contaminated sediments in Sweden), funded by the Swedish Environmental Agency. The aim is to improve our current methods for ecological risk assessment (ERA) of contaminated sediments. The main objective is to conduct a site-specific ecological risk assessment of the Oskarshamn harbor, on the SE Baltic Sea. The harbor sediment contains high amounts of various industrial pollutants. The inner harbor has recently been remediated through dredging. The outer harbor, however, still poses a risk of spreading contaminants (dioxins and metals) to the Baltic Sea. In the project we are running laboratory studies in order to compare and evaluate which ecotoxicological endpoints are most relevant for conducting an ERA.

Deadline : 31 August 2022.

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18280

(04) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Researcher in Ecotoxicology and Risk Assessment (temporary employment)

The position will be associated with the project PROMISE (Improved Ecological Risk Assessment of contaminated sediments in Sweden), funded by the Swedish Environmental Agency. The aim is to improve our current methods for ecological risk assessment (ERA) of contaminated sediments. The main objective is to conduct a site-specific risk assessment of Oskarshamn's outer harbor, on the SE Baltic Sea. The inner harbor has recently been remediated through dredging. The outer harbor, however, has not been remediated and still poses a risk of spreading contaminants to the Baltic Sea.

Deadline : 31 August 2022

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18352

(05) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral Fellow in the rEUsilience Project

The position as a postdoc is connected to the comparative social policy research carried out at SOFI (www.sofi.su.se/english/research/three-research-units/socpol-social-policy) and part of the project rEUsilience: Risks, Resources and Inequalities: Increasing Resilience in European Families, funded by Horizon Europe. Taken as a whole, the project's research aim is to identify the level of risk and socio-economic insecurity faced by families across Europe and the capacity of different family types to absorb socio-economic shocks by adjusting behaviours and structural arrangements. The postdoc position provides an excellent opportunity to perform country-comparative research to critically examine the role of policy. The work takes place in an outstanding international consortium with partners in 6 countries (Belgium, Spain, Croatia, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom), and will comprise both pan-European analyses of existing data (on policy and practice) and new focus group research.

Deadline : 31 July 2022.

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(06) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral Fellow in Psychology

The position will be associated with a research project designated to investigate the neurodevelopmental dynamic of threat learning and regulation and how these processes are influenced by individual differences in exposure to early-life stress. The project involves using a variety of methods including neuroimaging, behavioral, and psychophysiological methods. The project is led by Associate Professor Armita Golkar and will be conducted in close collaboration with researchers at the Research platform CHANGE at Leiden University in the Netherlands, where the data is collected. The research is supported by the Swedish Research Council and Knut and Alice

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Wallenberg Foundation (Wallenberg Academy Fellow grant).

Deadline : 30 June 2022

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18357

(07) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral Fellow in Organic Chemistry and Catalysis

The position will be associated with the project Mistra SafeChem. The candidate will work on the development, testing and evaluation of innovative heterogeneous catalytic processes to synthesize organic molecules. We will apply the principles of green chemistry, with emphasis on prevention of waste, and on atom and energy efficiency.

Deadline : 31 July 2022

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18369

(08) Postdoctoral Fellowship Position

Postdoc Fellowship Position summary/title: Postdoctoral position on brain evolution and animal behaviour

A postdoctoral research position focused on brain morphology evolution and behaviour is available in Niclas Kolm's research group in the Department of Zoology at Stockholm University. The aim of the project is to investigate the evolutionary associations between brain morphology variation and behavioural variation at the individual level. To do this, the project will use three already established guppy (*Poecilia reticulata*) artificial selection lines with i) different brain size, ii) different shoaling behaviour and iii) different telencephalon size. Additional selection experiments are also possible depending on interest. Substantial infrastructures in the Department of Zoology allows multiple assays of cognitive abilities, mate choice, predator interactions, collective motion, physiology and brain and body morphology (the project has access to x-ray microscopy via a Zeiss versa 520) within the project.

Deadline : 15 July 2022

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https://web103.reachmee.com/ext/I007/927/job?site=8&lang=UK&validator=d3e6a58db9058c5eab7ea3e324f063f6&job_id=18116

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Call for Applications

Population, Ethics, and Human Rights Fellowship

Deadline for applications: **31 August 2022**

Download the full PDF Call for Applications and instructions on how to apply

<https://iussp.org/en/call-applications-population-ethics-and-human-rights-fellowship>

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, jointly with the Institute on Inequalities in Global Health (USC IIGH), University of Southern California (United States), Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER), University of Witwatersrand (South Africa) and Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER) (Uganda), is issuing a global call for applications to host 3 early career research/practitioner professionals for a 12-month period. The official fellowship period will run from February 2023 to January 2024.

The Fellowship requires a full-time commitment during a 12-month residence period -- Fellows will be hosted for 6-months at WiSER, Johannesburg and 6-months at ISER, Uganda (fellowship extension beyond 12-months is subject to available funding). The Fellowship Program will include support for individual and group research projects, interactive dialogues, seminars and research/practitioner workshops that seek to unpack interdisciplinary perspectives with a particular focus on emerging challenges in low- and middle-income countries. Fellows will be supported by the IUSSP Scientific Panel and the partner institutions WiSER (South Africa), ISER (Uganda), and IIGH (United States).

Applications will be accepted from low- and middle-income countries from different geographic regions and disciplinary expertise and supported to become a cohort of thought leaders in this emerging field, including support for multidisciplinary collaboration. Fellows will be hosted at WiSER and ISER, so their residential fellowship will include direct study of and engagement with contemporary issues in South Africa and Uganda, as a complement to their own

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studies or areas of work (even if not specifically focused on South Africa or Uganda).

The fellowship program is designed to be immersive. Fellows will be in full-time residence at WiSER and ISER for 6-months, respectively, and will include three workshops with experts from the collaborating institutions and in the field more broadly. All sponsoring organizations will play key roles in supporting Fellows in their research. The residential component of the fellowship will immerse fellows in WiSER's weekly and monthly research seminars and colloquia and engage them with the Bhalisa Network and, while at ISER, will integrate them into ISER's policy advocacy work in Uganda around ethics, rights and legal identity. Fellows will be mentored by faculty and staff from the collaborating institutions and be connected to new areas of research and practice as well as supported in expanding their interdisciplinary professional network.

The IUSSP and its partners are grateful for support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada that makes this fellowship and associated activities possible.

General Information:

The program is designed for exceptional early career professionals, scholars, and others with an interest in population register systems who:

1. possess the skills and commitment to use the fellowship experience to provide leadership in improving Emerging Ethics and Human Rights Issues in the Digitization of Population Register Systems at the global, national or local level;
2. bring a depth of expertise and knowledge about the ethics and/or rights issues embedded in the digitization of population register systems.
 - Expected Outputs: a series of scholarly/practitioner articles and general audience mini-essays over the course of the 12-month fellowship.
 - Educational Requirements: Either a completed PhD or at least 3-years professional experience in the field of legal identity, global health, human rights, population studies or related fields such as social sciences, law, and public policy.
 - Language Requirements: professional competence in English
 - Fellowship Support: Fellows will receive a 12-month stipend, travel support to/from their location of

residence and between Johannesburg and Kampala.

How to Apply:

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply, by completing the online application form by 31 August at the very latest.

The form requires:

- filling out the basic information in the form.
- listing the names and contact details of at least 2 professional/academic references.
- uploading of a short cover letter (2 pages, in pdf), briefly describing your professional achievements in relation with the fellowship as well what inspired you to apply. [Kindly use the following file naming convention: "LASTNAME-first name-Cover Letter" e.g. SMITH-Lynda-CoverLetter.pdf]
- uploading of a curriculum vitae (in pdf) [Naming the file:"last-named-CV" e.g. SMITH-Michael-CV.pdf]
- uploading a short description of the research project you wish to undertake (Project Title, Abstract, Background, Objectives, Methods, Funding...) "LASTNAME-firstname-ResearchProject" e.g. SMITH-Fatima-ResearchProject.doc]

Please read the instructions provided in the full PDF Call for Applications (above) and prepare your application materials beforehand to be able to copy-paste into the online application form. Information must be submitted in English.

The application form can be edited after completion until the 31 August deadline (login into the form using the same email).

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Enquiries: Any enquiries should be directed to Paul Monet.

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All South African and foreign candidates are eligible, but preference will be given to applicants who graduated with the doctoral degree from universities other than UCT, or if graduating from UCT, from a different department/division/group to that in which the PhD was completed.

Only applicants who were awarded the PhD degree no earlier than June 2018 and who are not yet in full time, permanent academic or research posts are eligible.

There is no restriction on any discipline or field of research, but applications from individuals from other African countries and from women and black researchers will be given preference.

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Questions? Email Ayanda pdocs@uct.ac.za Closing date: 16 September 2022

University of Johannesburg: Open Call for Postdoctoral Research Fellows (2022/3)



The University of Johannesburg (UJ) is a vibrant and cosmopolitan university, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future through innovation and the collaborative pursuit of knowledge, and striving towards global excellence and stature (GES).

UJ has 200 new postdoctoral fellowships for the 2022/2023 period. We are looking for dynamic candidates who are interested in working on innovative solutions to problems related to the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) as well as on ways of exploiting the transformative potential of 4IR technologies in addressing the global Sustainable Development Goals. The call is, however, not limited to these topics.

UJ has performed exceptionally well in various recent global rankings. The QS World University Rankings released on 08 June 2022, ranked UJ second in South Africa and the African continent. This year, UJ was among 1,524 institutions globally that participated in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The scientific impact of UJ's work was ranked above global averages for 12 of the 17 SDGs, with UJ having performed best in SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being, and SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy. UJ's most cited work, over the period under assessment, was in SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being, SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, and SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. UJ is globally placed in position 16 for SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, position 17 for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, and position 34 for SDG 1: No Poverty.

The Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, considering the candidate's academic achievements, potential as an independent researcher and the extent to which s/he meets the requirements of the call. Candidates should approach suitable hosts at UJ in their field of research expertise before applying. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to research productivity and impact in multi-disciplinary research involving the multiple academic entities that are aligned to 4IR.

UJ runs an incubation programme through its Technology Transfer Office (TTO). Successful applicants, with their supervisor(s), will have the opportunity to further their research, innovation and commercialisation ambitions through this and other programmes.

Requirements:

- A PhD obtained within the last five years
- Full CV with contact details for three referees
- A proposal outlining the plan for the fellowship
- Proven ability to write and publish papers in accredited peer-reviewed journals
<https://www.uj.ac.za/research/research-publications/accredited-dhet-journal-list/>
- Academic transcripts

Application information can be found on

<https://www.uj.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/application-for-admission.pdf>

Closing date – The call will remain open until all 200 positions are filled.

Please see the website for more information <https://www.uj.ac.za/postgraduate-school/ne-w-200-postdoctoral-fellowships-opportunity/>



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African Researchers Small Grants

The African Research Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ARNTD) with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and UK aid from the UK government, through the Coalition for Operational Research on Neglected Tropical Diseases (COR-NTD), is seeking proposals for both operational and implementation research on "Emerging Challenges facing NTD program implementation in Africa."

This fourth edition of the Small Grants Program (SGP IV) is to support African researchers in both early and mid/late career to undertake operational or implementation research aligned with the goals established in the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases. SGP IV is comprised of two small grant funding tracks:

- Small grants for junior researchers
- Small grants for mid-career and/or senior researchers.

Objectives

- To increase African leadership, involvement and visibility in neglected tropical disease (NTD) operational and implementation research, including through direct engagement with national NTD programs;
- To contribute to improving the research capacity of an existing cadre of African NTD researchers and strengthening African research institutions in the process by supporting operational and implementation research on NTDs that is locally originated and African-led, either by junior researchers or experienced researchers ready to take on larger research programs.
- To improve South-South communication and collaboration among researchers, policymakers and implementers, and for community participation in research and agenda-setting;
- To provide an opportunity for young upcoming researchers not only to gain experience in research, but also in preparation of grant applications and management;
- To supplement a clearly defined aspect of ongoing research or to answer a new question linked to ongoing research being carried out by mid-career/senior researchers.
- To encourage a model of North-South collaboration which promotes engagement between researchers in the South and their control programs, and improves local leadership and ownership of initiatives and activities.

What's in Scope?

- In order to be considered for funding, the proposed research must be informed by existing evidence and identified gaps. Proposals must demonstrate significant potential to inform or develop further research activities. Priority funding will be directed to projects focusing on the five preventive chemotherapy (PC) NTDs (i.e., lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, schistosomiasis, and trachoma) and projects focusing on improving equitable access to NTD interventions for vulnerable populations (e.g., nomads, groups in conflict zones, and rural/hard-to-reach areas, refugees, and the disabled). Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their research can contribute to the fight against COVID-19.
- All applications should provide information on how the COVID-19 pandemic would likely influence the execution of the proposed research project.

Eligible proposals may focus on:

Implementation research that aims to improve the effectiveness of NTD programs. This includes:

- Identifying factors that hinder equitable delivery of NTD program interventions to vulnerable groups.
- Developing, testing, and scaling practical solutions that are evidence-based, adaptive, and context-specific.
- Identifying ways to improve uptake, adaptation, and adoption of existing evidence-based strategies, tools to achieve elimination and control targets.

For implementation research topics, applicants have the option of selecting one or both of the following:

- Conduct a formative study to quantify and describe implementation challenges and make recommendations for program improvements. In this case, applicants should clearly outline research hypotheses, methodology, and variables of interest.
- Conduct an intervention study, citing evidence from previous research and program dis-aggregated data through a gender, equity, and human rights lens and justifying the research questions, approach, and methodology in the background and significance section of the proposal.

In this case, applicants should also clearly outline research hypotheses, methodology, and variables of interest; and document the proposed plan for evaluating the short-term or intermediate effect of the intervention on variables of interest.

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- Operational research with potential for generating knowledge that can directly inform programmatic decisions around program monitoring, stopping, and surveillance. Studies to develop or validate innovative new diagnostic technologies to support monitoring and evaluation of NTD programs are especially welcomed.
- What's out of Scope?
- SGP IV funding cannot be used for paying salaries, participating in meetings/conferences, payment of tuition/course fees, purchase of restricted commodities (e.g., contraception, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, vehicles, etc.), and for supporting existing programmatic M&E activities such as, but not limited to, mapping, mass drug administration, transmission assessment surveys (TAS), Kato-Katz impact evaluations, trachoma impact surveys/surveillance surveys, data quality assessments, onchocerciasis impact evaluations, onchocerciasis Stop MDA surveys, coverage surveys, knowledge attitude perception surveys, etc.).

Who is the target group?

- This fourth call for proposals is targeted at outstanding researchers – especially beginning researchers – and academics based in research institutions or universities in Africa.

Applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed research or activity is aligned with country/program interests and has potential institutional/individual capacity-building impact.

Applications are accepted in both English and French. Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit full proposals and additional documentation in English in order to be eligible for the award.

Funding Information

The small grants targeted at junior and senior researchers at the Masters or PhD level will provide grants ranging from USD 10,000 - 30,000.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be currently employed by or enrolled as a student in an academic, health, or research institution in Africa for the duration of the grant
- Must demonstrate having a commitment to NTD-related research as well as the skills and experience required to carry out the proposed work

- Must be able to provide evidence of research output, including publications and/or presentations at scientific conferences

Specific to applicants for the junior researchers' grants:

- Must be an early career researcher, defined as a basic biomedical scientist, clinically qualified investigator, or public health researcher, who has not previously competed successfully as principal investigator for a major research grant (i.e., ≥USD 200,000)
- Must hold at least a Master's degree or should be actively enrolled in doctoral studies.
- Applicants holding a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, DrPH, DSc) must have graduated no more than seven years ago. Clinicians (e.g. MBChB, MBBS, MD, DVM holders), who have not completed a Master's degree must have some specialist training (e.g., Membership, Fellowship) or be able to demonstrate relevant research training/experience
- Must not currently hold positions above lecturer/assistant professor level or equivalent
- Must be able to provide written evidence of commitment to providing mentorship and supervision from a senior researcher with a track record and ongoing commitment to NTD research.
- Specific to applicants for the mid-career/senior researchers grants:
 - Must be a mid-career/senior researcher, defined as a basic biomedical scientist, clinically qualified investigator, or public health researcher, who has previously competed successfully as principal investigator for a major research grant, but is no more than fifteen years from their highest degree of study
 - Must hold a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, DrPH, DSc). Clinicians (e.g. MBChB, MBBS, MD, DVM holders), who have not completed a PhD must have completed specialist training (e.g., Fellowship) or be able to demonstrate relevant training tied to research (e.g., MSc, MPhil), or experience
 - Must hold a position no lower than Senior lecturer/Senior Scientific Officer level or equivalent
 - Must demonstrate that they have a track record and ongoing commitment to NTD research
 - Must demonstrate that the intended project is a clearly defined aspect of ongoing research or aimed at answering a new question linked to ongoing research.

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Apply by 14th August

Request for Proposals (RFP) Addressing Knowledge Gaps in Aplastic Anemia

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement, or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the knowledge gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all independent medical education grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct of the independent education program.

Date RFP Issued: June 28, 2022

Geographic Scope: Global

Clinical Area: Aplastic Anemia

Link to full RFP: https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2022-06/GMG_2022-IM-EU_AplasticAnemiaPatientEducationSupport.pdf?uk11p4FIllwLzF5oxqoDDPaKlwYGU8yXp

Application Due Date: August 10, 2022

Specific Area of Interest: Projects that will be considered for support will focus on improving the care of patients by addressing knowledge gaps in following areas:

- early identification and diagnosis of aplastic anemia (AA) patients
- awareness of AA in order to faster refer patients to higher clinical centers of reference
- current standards for the treatment of AA and its complications
- clinical management of special patient subpopulations and difficult cases of AA patients

Refer to complete details in the full RFP document. If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in

writing to Jessica Romano, Grant Officer (jessica.romano@pfizer.com).

BID Call for Proposals for Biodiversity Funding in Sub- Saharan Africa

GBIF is inviting the submission of concept notes for project funding from sub-Saharan Africa through Biodiversity Information for Development (BID), a programme funded by the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Union.

The BID programme aims to enhance capacity for effective mobilization and use of biodiversity data in support of decision- and policymaking for sustainable development.

This call seeks to support projects from sub-Saharan Africa that:

- Mobilize biodiversity data relevant to decisions supporting sustainable development
- Use and extend best practices for digitizing natural history collections and mobilizing other biodiversity data
- Apply biodiversity data in support of decision-making and research
- Develop lasting national, regional or thematic networks to support ongoing data sharing and reuse.

Funding Information

- The total funding assigned to this call is approximately €600,000.

The call offers support for four grant types:

Regional biodiversity data mobilization grants that establish or strengthen international collaborations to increase biodiversity data mobilization for research and policy addressing regional sustainable development needs (maximum funding: 60,000 euros for projects involving two countries; €120,000 for projects involving three or more countries)

National biodiversity data mobilization grants that establish or strengthen national biodiversity information facilities and increase biodiversity data mobilization to respond to national priorities (maximum funding: €40,000 per project)

• Institution-level biodiversity data mobilization grants that mobilize biodiversity data relevant for sustainable development (maximum funding: €20,000 per project)

Data-use grants that build on existing relationships between biodiversity data-holding institutions and decision-makers to

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provide data solutions that respond to a specific policy need (maximum funding: €60,000 per project)

Eligibility Criteria

- Concept notes and full proposals must be submitted in English through the GBIF Grants Portal by the stated deadlines
- Applicants must be legal entities located in an eligible African country. Such entities include national government agencies, GBIF Participant nodes and their host institutions, natural history museums and collections, research institutes, universities, and NGOs.
- Applications involving partners from countries or organizations that already participate in GBIF must include a statement of endorsement from the GBIF Head of Delegation or Node Manager.
- Contact information for representatives of GBIF Participant countries and organizations can be found on the Participant tab of the country pages, from the Participant list.
- All BID funded activities must be not-for-profit. BID programme funds may be used to support staff time, travel and costs associated with the organization of meetings and workshops, and limited costs for IT services and equipment.
- Data mobilized by BID-funded projects should all be within the target countries.
- Field work and/or the collection of new field data, or laboratory research to capture new data are not eligible for funding under the BID programme – although such activities may be included in a project plan if funded by alternative sources.
- Overhead costs may not be charged to BID grants.
- Applicants must commit some co-funding (in-kind or cash) to their projects. Co-funding refers to real costs that are incurred by the applicants while executing the funded project's activities.

These could be in-kind contributions that directly contribute to the project activities (like staff salaries, travel costs etc.) or any in-cash contributions to BID activities from other funding sources.

The level of co-funding will be taken into account when evaluating cost-effectiveness.

- All proposed project activities must fall within the stated implementation periods for each grant type.
- If invited to submit a full proposal, applicants must prepare a detailed budget. Note that BID funds

cannot be used to pay for bank transfer fees, exchange rate fees and courier costs for delivering the contract and project reports to GBIF.

- If invited to submit a full proposal, applicants must provide plans to ensure sustainability of activities after project support from BID concludes.
- If invited to submit a full project proposal, written confirmation from all project partners, stating their involvement in the project, must be provided with the submission.
- Letters of support from confirmed project partners should be submitted through the GBIF Grants Portal.
- All data mobilized through the BID grants, as well as any other products of the projects, such as training material, must be made available under either a CC0 1.0 waiver or CC-BY 4.0 licence.

Selection Criteria

- Relevance of the proposal to the objective and recommended activities of the selected BID grant type and to the specific needs of the geographic area(s) targeted
- Expected value of the project's deliverables to both the national and regional context and the broader community of biodiversity information holders and users
- Likelihood of the project achieving sustainable results
- Likelihood of the project providing examples of best practice in the application of biodiversity information in decision-making
- Likelihood of projects submitted by GBIF non-participating countries to result in formal GBIF participation or to develop a pathway leading towards participation in GBIF as a result of their project
- Demonstration of how existing GBIF nodes and institutions applying for a follow-up of a BID project plan to build on their ongoing activities as a GBIF node or the results from their previous BID grant
- Cost-effectiveness (including factors such as the number of partners benefiting from the project, matching funds leveraged, etc.) Choice and diversity of project partners.

Apply by 27th August.

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Fund for Innovation in Development Grants

The Fund for Innovation in Development (FID) is inviting innovators and researchers from around the world to apply for grant funding to address poverty and inequality more effectively or efficiently.

Through flexible grant funding, FID enables innovators and researchers to test new ideas, build rigorous evidence of what works, and scale the highest-impact and most cost-effective solutions.

Objectives

- To encourage and facilitate innovation, from wherever it might come
- To accelerate global innovation in the fight against poverty and inequality
- To rigorously evaluate new ideas through collaboration with the research community
- To support the scale and widespread deployment of the best solutions

Principles

FID makes funding decisions based on three core principles:

- Rigorous proof of impact on improving the living conditions of people living in poverty.
- Evidence of clear, measurable outcomes demonstrates what works in the fight against poverty and inequality.

FID relies on rigorous evidence of causal impact in determining which innovations to fund, and supports research to generate evidence on development innovations.

- Cost-effectiveness in the achievement of specific development objectives, compared to existing approaches.

Taking a best-in-class approach to cost-effectiveness, FID invests in innovations that have the potential to deliver more impact for every euro than alternative solutions.

- Potential for scale, widespread adoption, and sustainability. FID's ultimate goal is to support impactful development solutions that will replicate and scale to improve millions of lives while being financially sustained through the public and/or private sector.

Type of Grants

FID accepts applications for five types of grants:

- Prepare Grants (up to €50,000): Prepare Grants are small project preparation grants that can be used to support the development of proposals for Stages 1, 2, or 3 grants for promising applicants who otherwise may have had less access to or ability to secure funding from a competitive fund such as FID.

Stage 1: Pilot Grants (up to €200,000): FID funds Stage 1 Pilot Grants to support the piloting of innovations that are early in development and need real-world testing to refine the basic model and establish the viability of the innovation at small scale, including testing core assumptions around operational, social, and financial viability.

Stage 2: Test and Position for Scale Grants (up to €1,500,000): FID funds Stage 2 Test and Position for Scale Grants to support the further testing and continued growth of innovations to assess the likelihood that they can achieve both impact and viability at a larger scale.

Stage 3: Transition to Scale Grants (up to €4,000,000): FID funds Stage 3 Transition to Scale Grants to support the transition of rigorously tested and validated solutions to widespread scaling, such as bringing a tested innovation to national scale or to new contexts, with the goal of eventually achieving widespread adoption in one or more countries.

Transforming Public Policy (TPP) Grants (up to €150,000): FID funds Transforming Public Policy (TPP) Grants to support two types of projects: those focused on the institutionalization of specific evidence-based innovations with demonstrated cost-effectiveness and scalability into public policies at large scale; those focused on strengthening the capacity of low- and middle-income governments to design, test, pilot, and scale evidence-based innovations (e.g., the establishment of an evidence-based innovation lab in government or support for a government effort to collect and process data to evaluate the impact of social policies)

What they fund

Open Innovation: FID takes a broad view of innovation, considering any solution with strong potential to achieve development impact at scale in less costly, faster, or otherwise more feasible ways than existing approaches.

This can include a wide range of innovations intended to improve the lives of the poor.

Our definition of innovation includes, for example, new approaches to improve delivery of essential goods and services, process or managerial innovations, improvements in public services that facilitate access and improve

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outcomes, as well as new technologies or new applications of existing technologies.

New “low-tech” approaches designed to be sustainable and accessible, and which can have a significant impact on the lives of the poorest will also be eligible.

FID seeks to support any innovation that more effectively or efficiently addresses poverty and inequality around the world, with a specific focus on innovations targeting particularly acute problems of marginalized populations.

Sectors: FID accepts applications for innovations in any sector which addresses poverty and inequality, and specifically encourages applications for innovations in education, health, climate change, and gender equality.

Within each sector, FID particularly encourages applications centered on interventions that improve outcomes for marginalized groups, including, for example, women and girls, underrepresented minorities, and refugees and displaced persons.

Geographies: FID funds initiatives in all low- and middle-income countries, with special emphasis on the countries, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa, that are official priorities for French development assistance.

Eligibility Criteria

- FID accepts applications from nearly any type of applicant, independently or in partnership with others, including research institutes and institutions of higher education; governments or public agencies; non-governmental organizations; and private, for-profit companies.
- Individuals applying independently and public international and multilateral institutions are ineligible for funding. FID accepts applications for funding from innovators and researchers of all nationalities living in all geographies, but specifically encourages applications from organizations based in, led by, and significantly staffed by people from low and middle-income countries; people who identify as women; and other marginalized populations.
- FID accepts applications in French or English.

Applications Accepted All Year Round!

For Detail: <https://www.advance-africa.com/Fund-for-Innovation-in-Development-Grants.html>

Grand Challenges

Solving global health and development problems for those most in need

Grant Opportunity

MIT Solve, in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, seeks solutions that will offer new ways of measuring primary health care performance improvement in low- and middle-income countries. Please visit the application website; the application deadline is August 9, 2022

Perspective on COVID-19

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to work with the public and private sectors in the global response to COVID-19. To learn more about the foundation's broader work and how COVID-19 is being addressed across the foundation, please visit the foundation's website and media center, sign-up for The Optimist newsletter, and browse videos from the 2021 Grand Challenges Annual Meeting.

Grand Challenges Partnership Network

We invite you to read summaries of the grants awarded to date through Grand Challenges initiatives with the Gates Foundation as funder or co-funder and to explore an interactive world map of projects across the broader Grand Challenges funding partner network. This map is filling in over time, increasingly with locally led programs in the countries most affected by global health inequities.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Advancing Management and Care in Atrial Fibrillation and Venous Thromboembolism

Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) are collaborating to provide grant support for continuing professional education in the areas of atrial fibrillation and venous thromboembolism. We are committed to supporting innovative, independent medical education for healthcare professionals.

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement, or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted general Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides

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detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the knowledge gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all independent medical education grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant. Pfizer and BMS must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct of the independent education program.

Date RFP Issued: June 28, 2022

Geographic Scope: Global

Clinical Area: Atrial Fibrillation/Venous Thromboembolism

Link to full RFP: https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2022-06/GMG_2022-IM-G_AdvancingManagementCareAFIBVTE.pdf?ZfYMjppj0vgOepP6uCZrz1hknD4zk6VY

Application Due Date: August 3, 2022

Specific Area of Interest: Projects that will be considered for support will focus on improving the care of patients by addressing knowledge gaps in Atrial Fibrillation and stroke prevention or Venous Thromboembolism or both areas.

Refer to complete details in the full RFP document. If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to Jessica Romano, Grant Officer (jessica.romano@pfizer.com).

Research Grants for Young Scientists in Africa

UNESCO-TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences) have launched a new programme to strengthen the capacity of African countries lagging in science and technology.

The programme is aimed at young scientists who are getting established in their country or are about to return home to an academic position.

Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (SG-NAPI) is fully funded by The German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The grants, which are normally provided for a period of 24 months, may be used to purchase scientific equipment, consumables, which can include fieldwork partially and maintenance of equipment and specialized literature (textbooks and proceedings only).

Research Grants for Young Scientists in Africa - Categories
Scientists working in the following research areas can apply for an SG-NAPI award:

- Agriculture
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Engineering
- Information Computer Technology
- Mathematics
- Medical Sciences
- Physics

Research Grants for Young Scientists in Africa - Funding Information

- Research Grants to research units amount to a maximum of USD 67,700.

Research Grants for Young Scientists in Africa - Eligibility Criteria

In order to apply in year 2022, candidates must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be below the age of 40.
- Obtained their Ph.D. within the last 5 years.
- Returned to their home country within the last 36 months.
- Hold, be offered or be in the process of accepting a position at an academic and/or research institution (including international research centers) in their home country.

Be nationals of an eligible African country that is lagging in science and technology, as follows:

Western Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.

Eastern Africa: Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Reunion, Rwanda, Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda.

Central Africa:

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, São Tomé, Príncipe.

Southern Africa: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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Applications from women scientists are especially encouraged.

Detail: <https://www.advance-africa.com/Research-Grants-for-Young-Scientists-in-Africa.html>

SGCI Call for Proposals to support the strengthening of national research and innovation funding agencies in West Africa



The Science Granting Councils Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) is calling for proposals to support the strengthening of national research and innovation funding agencies in West Africa.

Summary

The Science Granting Councils Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) is calling for proposals to support the strengthening of national research and innovation funding agencies in West Africa. The work will strengthen agencies where they already exist and where they do not, it will support the development of frameworks for establishing new agencies. The work will take place in six countries: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone. Through a new partnership between the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and IDRC, funding of up to CAD\$1 million is available for this work over a period of approximately 36 months.

The SGCI invites proposals from organizations (including think tanks, institutes, universities, and agencies) based in Africa with proven experience and track records in Africa and especially West Africa. The organizations should have experience in areas such as public sector science, technology and innovation (STI), organizational capacity strengthening, management of research funds, national STI policy and practice and engaging the private sector in research. Successful organizations will undertake various activities including offering training and technical support to science granting councils (SGCs) and related organizations (such as Commissions or Funds) in the six countries.

IDRC will enter into an agreement with the successful organization.

The following section provides the project's background and context as well as potential objectives and approach. Applicants are expected to use this information only as a guide in developing their proposals. Proposals should not be limited to the points outlined below and originality/creativity will be among the key evaluation criteria.

Science Granting Councils Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa

Science granting councils (and related organizations such as Commissions and Funds) perform crucial functions that contribute to the effective and efficient functioning of national science (STI) systems. These functions vary from country to country but include the following: disbursement of grants for research, development and innovation (RDI); building research capacity through scholarships and bursaries; setting and monitoring research agendas and priorities; issuing research permits; formulating/revising national STI policies; providing policy advice to governments; managing bilateral/multilateral STI agreements; and monitoring and assessing the impacts of publicly funded research as well as research funded from other sources.c

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Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Since 2015, the Science Granting Councils Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI-1) has involved collaboration between several funders (namely FCDO, IDRC, South Africa's National Research Fund (NRF), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the German Research Foundation (DFG) and most recently the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and councils from across East, southern and West Africa. The focus has been on strengthening the capacities of councils to support research and evidence-based policies that can contribute to economic and social development. Fifteen countries (see Participating countries above) have been actively involved in the Initiative. In SGCI-2 two additional countries, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, will participate.-2 Themes

Theme 1: Strengthen the ability of science granting councils in research management

Theme 2: Strengthen the capacity of science granting councils to use data and evidence in policy and decision-making

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Theme 3: Support the ability of science granting councils to fund research and innovation

Theme 4: Support strategic communications, uptake of knowledge outputs and networking

Theme 5: Strengthen the capacities of science granting councils in gender equality and inclusivity

Initially SGCI focused on strengthening the ability of the councils to: (a) manage research; (b) design and monitor research programs and formulate and implement policies based on the use of STI indicators; (c) support knowledge exchange with the private sector; and (d) establish partnerships among councils and with other science system actors. In its current second phase, work with the councils in these areas has deepened and broadened, with additional attention to research excellence, strategic communications/uptake of knowledge outputs, and gender equality and inclusivity (SGCI-2 Themes). Councils received funding to manage their own research calls and have drawn on their enhanced capacities to promote collaborative research projects and networking.

SGCI in West Africa

Compared to other regions in Africa, few countries in West Africa have established granting councils or related funding agencies that disburse funds for research, development, and innovation (RDI) or support the formulation of related policies. In several countries in the region, these functions are performed by departments or special units within government ministries. For example, of those countries active in SGCI since it launched in 2015, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire have used SGCI funds to run research calls, share and learn lessons from councils in other regions and undertake reviews of their policies on gender equality in research, among other activities. Ghana is in the process of establishing a council and SGCI has supported the establishment of the Ghana Innovation and Research Centre (GIRC), which is expected to grow into an innovation agency. In all four cases, the new FCDO-IDRC funding provides an opportunity for additional efforts to strengthen the national agencies in these countries, for example in areas such as monitoring research projects, financial reporting, institutional risk assessment, institutional communications capacity and using research results to inform government policy and private sector practice.

SGCI will also support the development of institutional frameworks for establishing new research funding bodies or mechanisms in Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Nigeria joined SGCI in mid-2021 through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund

(TETFund), which has been supporting research and research infrastructure across universities and centres of excellence for over a decade. TETFund has been working with the federal government to set up a National Research and Development Foundation with the goal of using research and development partnerships in a number of priority thematic areas to reposition Nigeria in the global science, technology and innovation context and create a knowledge-based economy. Nigeria recently participated in a SGCI gap analysis workshop to review its work on science, technology and innovation policy; monitoring, evaluation and learning; and data management systems. Sierra Leone has also been invited to join SGCI when the timing is right with its evolving science, technology and innovation policy development processes.

The specific objectives of this project will include:

- identifying the needs/areas for support in all six countries, with subsequent activities to be undertaken (taking into account other activities under SGCI-2);
- improving how science granting councils function in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal by aligning strategy, structure, resources and management processes (e.g., in project monitoring, financial reporting and communicating research results); and
- developing organizational frameworks (e.g., policy, legislative, financial, administrative, institutional) to create science granting councils in the three countries where they do not yet exist (Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone).

We are inviting proposals from organizations to design and deliver this support that targets the six countries in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone). The proposals should provide details about the approach and identify areas for support, the nature and scope of activities to undertake, and the results to achieve over the duration of the project. The proposed support could include technical support to develop policy documents/frameworks; commissioned studies; learning/benchmarking visits to other countries; and support to convene stakeholder consultations and other policy engagements. The actual establishment of a research funding body/mechanism is a political process that is beyond the scope of SGCI. The intended results in the target countries are to strengthen existing research funding bodies/mechanisms and to establish frameworks for new research funding bodies/mechanisms. Additional

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requirements for proposal submissions are set out in the following sections.

Timelines and budget

Activity	Description	Scheduled Dates
Call for project proposals and review process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for proposals launch • Deadline for submission of proposals • Review of proposals • Outcome of selection process is communicated to all applicants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 June 2022 • 30 July 2022 • 1–15 August 2022 • 15 August 2022
Finalization of implementation and work plans	Successful applicant will work with the initiative management team	August-September 2022
Signing of grant agreement	Preparation of project approval documents and development and signature of grant agreements between IDRC and the lead collaborating technical agency	August-September 2022
Project Implementation Period (36 months)	Selected collaborating technical agency consortium implements the gender and inclusivity project	1 October 2022 – 30 September 2025

The budget available for this project is up to CAD \$1,000,000 million (all inclusive) over approximately 36 months. A draft budget should be submitted using the IDRC Workbook.

Application procedure and submission deadline

Proposals (25 pages or less, excluding annexes) should be submitted electronically to the SGCI secretariat (SGCSSA@idrc.ca) by 30 July 2022 (17:00 East Africa Time) with a copy to Loise Ochanda lochanda@idrc.ca. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be accepted. Please direct any enquiries about this call to the secretariat with a copy to Loise.

Proposals should be submitted in Word format in French or English. They should be concise and include the following elements at a minimum:

- Title, name, address and contact details of the project leader and name and address of the applicant organization;
- Executive summary;
- Project background and rationale;
- Goal, specific objectives, key activities and links to other SGCI themes;
- Approach to training and technical support;
- Expected outputs and outcomes as well as project-level monitoring and evaluation;
- Gender equality/inclusivity and ethical requirements (in submitting a proposal, any real, apparent or potential conflict of interest must be declared to IDRC);

- Risks and potential mitigation measures (this information should be presented in a table listing the major potential risks associated with project implementation, in addition to the risk probability/impact and potential management measures);
- Organizational profile(s) and key project personnel; and
- Brief biodata of the project's key project team members (included as an annex).

Project team requirements

- The requirements for the project team members include the following:
- Knowledge of national science, technology and innovation systems and the research and development funding landscape in sub-Saharan Africa (and ideally in West Africa), including the key actors (organizations), policies and the roles of science granting councils in brokering, facilitating, funding and coordinating the interactions among the various actors.
- Experience in working with public sector science, technology and innovation organizations (especially science granting councils) in Africa, and ideally in West Africa, in the context of capacity strengthening.
- Experience in research funding processes, research management and engaging the public, private and community sectors in research.
- Knowledge of research ethics, research excellence and gender and inclusivity approaches in research.
- Expertise and experience in monitoring, evaluation and learning and data management systems and frameworks.
- Ability to work in both French and English is a requirement and applications without both language capabilities will not be evaluated.

Evaluation criteria

The proposals will be reviewed by the SGCI initiative management team and scored using a 50-point scale as follows:

Criteria Score

Expertise and experience of project team members in Africa's science, technology and innovation (STI) systems, especially in West Africa. This includes the key actors (organizations); STI policymaking processes; capacity strengthening of public sector STI organizations; experience in research funding/management, research ethics, gender

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and inclusivity in research; data management systems; monitoring, evaluation, and learning; and working with science granting councils in sub-Saharan Africa. 15

Originality, creativity and clarity of the proposal. The proposal should demonstrate familiarity with SGCI's work and a clear understanding of the project's ambition and the roles of science granting councils in national science systems. The proposal should also clearly articulate how the project will complement ongoing work in these countries under SGCI and other initiatives. 15

Clarity and soundness of the project's approach to training and technical support, including appropriateness for sub-Saharan African councils, the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and alignment with the SGCI's joined up implementation approach. 15

Clarity/justification of the budget and the extent of its alignment with the proposed project activities based on value for money principles (e.g., economy, efficiency, effectiveness). 5

About the SGCI funding partners

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is a government department of the United Kingdom that pursues national interests and projects the UK as a force for good in the world. FCDO promotes the interests of British citizens, safeguards the UK's security, defends its values, reduces poverty and tackles global challenges with international partners.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) is a directorate under the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its main purpose is to work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Norad has five main priorities: Invest more strategically; Be a key partner in sustainable development; Contribute to a greener world; Be a champion of innovation within development cooperation; and strengthen and systematize the development, sharing and use of knowledge within Norad.

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is a government agency of Sweden's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It strives to reduce world poverty by allocating resources and knowledge with the goal of making a difference for people in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. To achieve this, Sida collaborates with actors from civil society and universities as well as the public and private sector.

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a Canadian Crown corporation that supports the generation of

knowledge and innovation for positive change. IDRC generates, identifies and tests scalable ideas and innovations. It also connects solutions with actors who can help to achieve large-scale impact and examines early wins in scaling up in order to identify and share critical success factors.

South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF) is a government mandated research and science development agency whose goal is to create innovative funding instruments, advance research career development, increase public science engagement and establish leading-edge research platforms that will transform the scientific landscape and inspire a representative research community to aspire to global competitiveness.

The German Research Foundation (DFG) is the self-governing organization for science and research in Germany. It serves all branches of science and the humanities. In organizational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its membership consists of German research universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and the Academies of Science and the Humanities.

Social Science Research Council Just Tech C-19 Rapid-Response Grants

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), as part of its Just Tech program, seeks proposals from across the social sciences and related fields that address the risks, opportunities, and challenges posed by public health surveillance stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The SSRC specifically encourages proposals that interrogate the role the public and private sectors may play in mitigating or exacerbating the health crisis, the effects of which are already unevenly distributed.

While new knowledge is urgently needed, in the conditions of the present moment many social research methodologies are either not possible or require adaptation in order to protect the health and safety of both researchers and research subjects.

The Just Tech Rapid-Response Grants will thus support innovative research projects that deploy remote research methods to shed light on both the short- and potential long-term implications of public health interventions for a range of rights, liberties, and public goods.

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Subjects may include, but are not limited to:

- Contact tracing and public health surveillance
- Voting access and rights amid “lockdowns” and widespread social distancing
- Disparities in the collection, representation, and use of health data
- The digital divide in remote work and learning, education, and public health
- Precarity of labour and work in the tech industry or gig economy
- Remote organizing, campaigning, and social movements
- The impact of predictive algorithms on the provision of social welfare and policing

These topics are illustrative.

Applicants are welcome to propose others.

Projects illuminating the experiences of historically marginalized people are especially encouraged, as are those that can constructively inform policy responses across communities and institutions.

Funding Information

Awards will range from USD \$5,000 to \$10,000, with larger amounts directed to projects committed to research partnerships grounded in principles of ethical collaboration and equity, composed of partners who might not otherwise work together.

The grants offer up to six months of support toward research-related expenses.

These include, but are not limited to, access to datasets, archives, and relevant publications; costs related to conducting online research of various kinds; and research assistance.

Eligibility Criteria

- The Just Tech program invites proposals for Rapid-Response Grants from researchers—based at both academic and non-academic institutions—who hold a PhD in any social science discipline or related interdisciplinary field.
- Applications are welcome from any country around the world. In this regard, strong teams will not simply be interdisciplinary, but multi-method or cross-sector, joining, for example:
 - Humanists and social scientists
 - Social and natural scientists
 - Qualitative and quantitative methodologists
 - Academic researchers and practitioners

- Researchers from different parts of the world
Proposals will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary review committee based on their relevance to the topic, quality and intellectual merit, potential for innovation, the fit between their research question and research design, and feasibility under current constraints on research.

Applicants should describe in some detail how they intend to address these constraints in the methods they propose, as well as the ethical dimensions of their research plans and methods. Applicants should specify their intended outputs for the project and the audience(s) for those outputs.

Successful applicants will be expected to participate in an online workshop with other grantees and are required to contribute at least one brief essay to the SSRC’s digital forum Items:

Insights from the Social Sciences.

Application deadline August 31st.

For more information and application details, see; Social Science Research Council Just Tech C-19 Rapid-Response Grants

Spencer Foundation Racial Equity Special Research Grants

The Spencer Foundation has launched the Racial Equity Special Research Grants program to support education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education.

The foundation is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of educational inequality in education, and which seek to remake and imagine a new form of equitable education.

Thus, they are also interested in research projects that are working to reimagine educational opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities.

Their goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious, and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in relation to racial equity in education.

As with other Spencer grant programs, this program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not required to be developed around a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or geographic location.

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Funding Information

The foundation will be accepting applications for projects ranging from one to five years with budgets up to \$75,000.

Eligibility Criteria

- Proposals to the Racial Equity Research Grants program must be for academic research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education, broadly conceived. Proposals for activities other than research are not eligible (e.g., program evaluations, professional development, curriculum development, scholarships, capital projects). Additionally, proposals for research studies focused on areas other than education, are not eligible.
- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Racial Equity Research Grant must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession.

While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal.

- The PI must be affiliated with a non-profit organization that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded. The Spencer Foundation does not award grants directly to individuals.

Examples include non-profit colleges, universities, school districts, and research facilities, as well as other non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS.

- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally, however, all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in US Dollars.
- Restrictions
- Proposed budgets for this program are limited to \$75,000 total and may not include indirect cost charges per Spencer's policy.
- Projects proposed may not be longer than 5 years in duration.
- PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one application for a given deadline in this program.

Spencer is making an exception for this research program wherein PIs or Co-PIs can have two projects under review in different programs.

PIs or CO-PIs that currently have a proposal under review in a different program may submit to this program.

However, the proposed project must be different from the one under review.

Alternatively, a PI or CO-PI can choose to withdraw a proposal under review and resubmit it to this program.

Apply by 15th December.

For more information and application details, see; Spencer Foundation Racial Equity Special Research Grants

Pfizer Global Medical Grants

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement, or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the knowledge gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all independent medical education grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct of the independent education program.

Please scroll down to find information on the following two new education RFPs:

- Knowledge Gaps in Treatment of Acute COVID-19 and Management of Post-COVID Conditions in Outpatient Settings
- Digital Education to Address Patients with COVID-19 and High Risk of Complications

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Knowledge Gaps in Treatment of Acute COVID-19 and Management of Post-COVID Conditions in Outpatient Settings

Date RFP Issued: June 29, 2022

Geographic Scope: Global

Clinical Area: COVID-19

Link to full RFP: https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2022-06/GMG_2022-HOS-G_KGTreatmentManagementCOVID-

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[19OutpatientSettings.pdf?fyvXNee4d0UhlQo3CAhVAm2YMAwrGOB5](#)

Application Due Date: July 27, 2022

Specific Area of Interest: Through this RFP it is our intent to support educational programs that address that raise awareness and understanding of the treatment of acute COVID-19 and the management of post-COVID conditions in outpatient settings. More specifically, we intend to support programs designed to increase the understanding of:

- Diagnosis and treatment of acute COVID-19 in outpatient settings, understanding the risk factors contributing to severity of disease
- Post-COVID conditions in terms of epidemiology, management and outcomes

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Digital Education to Address Patients with COVID-19 and High Risk of Complications

Date RFP Issued: June 29, 2022

Geographic Scope: Global

Clinical Area: COVID-19

Link to full RFP: https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2022-06/GMG_2022-HOS-G_DigitalEducationAddressPatientsCOVID-19HighRiskComplications.pdf?ZLTg7MdJlyeUYQCd.P0DXbv6RztrhXHs

Application Due Date: August 10, 2022

Specific Area of Interest: Through this RFP it is our intent to support digital/online educational programs for primary care clinicians designed to increase the understanding of:

- The need for early diagnosis and intervention for patients with COVID-19 and a high risk of complications
- Treatment of acute COVID-19 in a primary care setting

Refer to complete details in the full RFP documents. If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to Derek Warnick, Grant Officer (derek.warnick@pfizer.com).

Tree Fund Grants for Arboriculture and Urban Forestry Researchers

The Tree Fund has announced a Jack Kimmel International Grant Program to provide much needed funding to

arboriculture and urban forestry researchers all over the world.

This grant is administered by TREE Fund, with participation from the Canadian TREE Fund in the evaluation process.

Priority Areas

Root and Soil Management, e.g:

- Mycorrhizal networks
- Soil amendments and structural soils
- Blended and manufactured soils
- Soil testing and tissue testing

Propagation, Planting and Establishment, e.g:

- Fertilization
- Selection/propagation of superior clones
- Production methods to influence better root growth
- Improved transplantability
- Improved plant establishment

Plant Health Care, e.g:

- Pruning
- Pest/pathogen biology and management
- Resistance breeding
- Tree injection
- Adaptive silviculture

Risk Assessment and Worker Safety, e.g:

- Decay assessment
- Response growth
- Mechanical pruning
- Lightning protection
- Support systems, cabling, etc.
- Machine-aided climbing
- Biomechanics

Urban Forestry (To Include Human Dimensions), e.g:

- Quantitative and/or qualitative analysis of urban forest benefits to humans and communities
- Techniques for educating communities to support sound policy/decision-making, zoning, development decisions, etc.
- Policy formation and program implementation
- "Nature Based Solutions"
- Role of volunteers in Community Forestry
- Behavioral economics
- Ecosystem services
- Tree diversity

Grant Information

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Grant award amounts are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 and will vary depending upon the adjudged value of the project relative to the needs of the arboriculture community.

Projects are expected to be completed within one to two years.

Eligibility Criteria

- TREE Fund does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, disability or national or ethnic origin.
- Current trustees of TREE Fund or any member of the family of any such trustee are ineligible to receive grants from TREE Fund.
- These grants are available to researchers whose work is primarily outside of the United States.

How to Apply

Applicants should send an email containing a brief Letter of Inquiry (LOI) of no more than 100 words description of their project title and concept at the address given on the website.

Apply by 15th September.

For more information and application details, see; <https://treefund.org/researchgrants/kimmel>

Urgent Action Fund-Africa Call for COVID-19 Disability Rights Grants

Urgent Action Fund (UAF) Africa is committed to supporting and improving accessibility, equity and inclusion of women and gender non-conforming defenders with disabilities within the gender justice and human rights movement.

The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on Africa is uncertain as it has created an unprecedented situation that constantly evolves.

State-sanctioned measures to curb the spread of the disease have had a disproportionate impact on the livelihood, health and wellbeing of women, and gender non-conforming defenders with disabilities.

The pandemic is a multidimensional crisis that has had adverse effects on prevailing economic, health and social care systems.

The crisis has further resulted in the widening and deepening of existing socio-economic fault lines and inequalities for disadvantaged communities along the lines of gender and disability.

It is in these gaps that women, and gender non-conforming defenders with disabilities face considerable lack of opportunities to access relevant information, health care, basic needs as well as wellbeing support for themselves as individuals and communities.

Urgent Action Fund-Africa is expanding her COVID-19 response towards supporting women, transgender and gender non-conforming defenders with disabilities to:

- Develop and widely disseminate messages and information about the disease in disability friendly formats such as braille, audio, sign language and large print.
- Simplify and/or translate the complex COVID 19 information that is being shared by governments and public health experts into simple, disability friendly formats and local languages.
- Provide practical needs such as medicine, masks, gloves, sanitizers, soap, water, and food.

Funding Information

UAF- Africa provides Rapid Response Grants of up to \$ 8,000 to support the above-mentioned work.

Allocations Accepted All Year Round.

For Detail: <https://www.advance-africa.com/Urgent-Action-Fund-Africa-Call-for-COVID-19-Disability-Rights-Grants.html>

Wenner Gren Foundation Grants

The Wenner-Gren Foundation Grants are for anthropological research. Scholarships are open to applicants irrespective of nationality or country of residence.

The following grants are available:

- Wadsworth Short-Term Fellowships provides support for doctoral students or post-doctoral scholars who are within ten years of receiving their doctorate to enhance their research capacity in the field of anthropology.

There is no specific deadline for this program.

- Dissertation Fieldwork Grants are awarded to aid doctoral or thesis research to support basic research in anthropology. Students of all nationalities are eligible to apply.
- Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships support the writing-up of already completed research.

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Scholars with a Ph.D. in hand for no more than ten years are eligible to apply.

Application: deadlines are May 1 and November 1.

For more information, please contact:

<http://www.wennergren.org/grantprograms/Grants%20for%20Non-U.S.%20Scholars>

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Women Grants to End Violence Against Women and Children

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) is seeking grants to End Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children that support research to improve prevention and response to VAW, VAC, and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries – a major public health concern and human rights violation.

Projects supported by The SVRI Research Grant should:

- Apply feminist and women-centred research and partnerships.
- Be conceptualised within a human rights framework.
- Adhere to international safety and ethical guidelines.
- Strive for innovation in ideas, new methodologies and partnerships, while building on evidence.
- Strive to be collaborative, cross sectoral and multidisciplinary.
- Promote equitable participation and bring to the field diverse voices from low- and middle-income countries (researchers, survivors, marginalised groups).
- Where relevant and appropriate, endeavor to engage the community where the research will take place.
- Challenge the gender hierarchy that contributes to VAW and VAC in order to promote gender equality.
- Inform policy, programmes and services and strengthen access to comprehensive care and support for survivors.
- Women Grants to End Violence Against Women and Children - Funding Information
- Applicants can apply for grants between \$40,000 to \$200,000 no longer than 24 months in length.
- Women Grants to End Violence Against Women and Children - Types of Eligible Projects

The types of projects that may be supported under this grant include:

- Research projects that are either standalone projects or a component of a larger project that will guide efforts to effectively address or prevent VAW and VAC.
- Qualitative studies that explore the effectiveness and process of creating change with innovative VAW and VAC prevention interventions or the acceptability, impact, and process of change created by interventions that support and assist survivors of VAW and VAC.
- Projects that seek to address VAW and VAC prevention and response together or simultaneously or in one intervention with distinct elements.
- Projects that work to understand how to integrate VAW and/or VAC programming into other sectoral work, for instance, large infrastructure development programmes.
- Those that develop innovative methods and tools for VAW and/or VAC research.
- Those that evaluate how to effectively expand tested VAW and VAC prevention and response interventions.
- Secondary analysis of existing data that will provide insights into addressing VAW and VAC more effectively and sustainably.
- Research on violence across diverse populations in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities, people living with HIV, older persons, indigenous peoples, LGBTQI, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.

Research on the impact of Covid-19 on VAW and the VAW / VAC intersections, including conducting research and programming during times of widespread instability and anxiety; ethical and safe use of remote data collection; support services for survivors under restrictive regulatory environments.

Women Grants to End Violence Against Women and Children - Eligibility Criteria

Applications for support under this award should:

- Be affiliated with a recognised, legally constituted research institution or organisation with existing research or programming capacity on VAW and VAC. Grants will only be made to institutions and not to individuals.
- Where appropriate, involve partnerships between multiple organisations, for example, a local NGO, practice based agency and an academic institution, or local government and an NGO or an academic institution. Preference will be given to

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academic/researcher – practitioner partnerships. The partnership arrangement must be clearly outlined and reflected in the proposal and budget allocation.

- Preference will be given to proposals submitted and led by organisations based in LMICs. Where appropriate, have as an objective strengthening the research capacity of the implementing agency.

Other eligibility considerations to note:

Organisations or consortiums can submit up to two proposals, but only one proposal will be funded.

- Previous grantees will not be considered as principal applicants.
- Institutions who have an active SVRI grant may not apply.
- Grant applications that are proposing work on behalf of UN Agencies, the World Bank
- Group or other multilateral agencies will not be considered.
- All projects under this call should focus on VAW and VAC prevention and/or response in LMICs.
- If the funds are sought for scale up or dissemination activities, the application must provide sufficient information to enable the scientific quality of the original study to be assessed, as well as a description of the activities for which funds are requested.

For Detail: <https://www.advance-africa.com/Women-Grants-to-End-Violence-Against-Women-and-Children.html>

World Bank Research Grants on Forced Displacements

World Bank Program - Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement.

In support of these efforts, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) has invested £13 million over seven years (2016-2023) for the development of new research on protracted forced displacement through a joint partnership between DFID, the World Bank Group and UNHCR.

This program will generate evidence on what works to ensure future investments are well targeted and represent good value for money.

The goal is to better understand how policy measures and development investments, and their interaction with local contexts, can help reduce inequalities, alleviate social

tensions, and promote social cohesion between and within displaced populations and host communities.

The papers generated from this call will be used as background papers to prepare a report on this topic. The evidence generated through this research program will inform World Bank programming and UNHCR protection programs in forced displacement contexts.

Objectives

- To improve the wellbeing of the forcibly displaced and of host communities by improving global knowledge on the effectiveness of policies and programs that target these populations.
- This will be achieved by financing research and impact evaluations that cover policies and programs for refugees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnees and their host populations, and by disseminating findings among policy makers, beneficiaries and the public at large.

Activities

The program consists of five activities that will contribute to different aspects of research that are critical to build the evidence base on protracted forced displacement situations: Shedding light on global questions: This initiative will finance large multi-country and multi-partner research projects that address questions of global interest related to forced displacement in four strategic thematic areas: jobs, health, education, and social protection.

Through a global tender, grants will be allocated to lead research institutions to produce analyses that shed light on these global questions.

Education: Building the Evidence for What Works.

Health: Big Questions in Forced Migration and Health

Social Protection: Social Protection Responses to Displacement and Integration

Jobs: Global Questions on Forced Displacement and Jobs

Gender: Building the evidence base on gender specific vulnerabilities in forced displacement contexts

Improving programs through impact evaluations: This initiative supports World Bank, UNHCR and DFID operations that require research to answer specific questions that constrain operational delivery.

Grants finance impact evaluations that address one or more specific questions and are expected to produce results that

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can be used directly to improve existing operations and feed into program policies and design.

The program currently includes 14 impact evaluations:

Afghanistan: Impact evaluation of the Targeting the Ultra Poor graduation program
Afghanistan: Assessment of the socio-economic outcomes, movement patterns and reintegration challenges of Afghan returnees

Bangladesh: Impact evaluation of a child protection program in Rohingya refugee camps

Cameroon: Impact evaluation of a program to prevent intimate partner violence among refugees and host communities (Social Safety Nets project)

Ethiopia: Impact evaluation of health and educational outcomes for the Development Response to Displacement Impacts project

Ethiopia: Impact evaluation of labor outcomes of the Ethiopia Economic Opportunities Hybrid Program for Results

Iraq: Impact evaluation of the role played by the government Public Distribution System in mitigating welfare loss for internally displaced populations

Jordan: Impact evaluation of the Providing Opportunities with Education for Refugees and Jordanians program

Kenya: Impact evaluation of health and educational outcomes for the Development Response to Displacement Impacts project

Lebanon: Impact evaluations of teacher support programs (Reaching All Children with Education initiative)

Lebanon: Impact evaluation of the National Poverty Targeting Program graduation model

Niger: Impact evaluation of the Forcibly Displaced Support Project

Nigeria: Impact evaluation of different strategies to improve health workers outreach and health outcomes for pregnant women and women with children in areas affected by the Boko Haram insurgency (Additional Financing for the Nigeria State Health Investment Project)

Uganda: Impact evaluation of an entrepreneurship program for refugees and host communities in Kampala.

Complementing research with targeted studies: This initiative will synthesize lessons emerging from the entire research program, and complement the program with additional studies.

Research activities will include literature reviews, desk research, meta-analyses of existing literature and original

studies complementing research financed under activities 1 and 2. Highlights:

Estimating Poverty for Refugee Populations: Can Cross-Survey Imputation Methods Substitute for Data Scarcity?

The Economics of Forced Displacement : An Introduction

- Optimal Targeting under Budget Constraints in a Humanitarian Context
- Risk Preferences and the Decision to Flee Conflict
- Social Cohesion and Forced Displacement
- The Impact of Forced Displacement on Host Communities
- Supporting young and senior fellows: Another major bottleneck related to research on forced displacement is the scarcity of researchers specializing in this field.

This component of the program aims at expanding the number of researchers focused on forced displacement through two initiatives.

The first is the creation of a Young Fellowship

- Program designed to provide postdoctoral scholars with a one-year fellowship to study forced displacement situations.
- The second is the establishment of a research network of senior and junior scholars working on forced displacement with microdata.
- Highlights: Intergenerational Impact of Population Shocks on Children's Health : Evidence from the 1993-2001 Refugee Crisis in Tanzania
- Estimating Poverty among Refugee Populations : A Cross-Survey Imputation Exercise for Chad
- Effect of Armed Conflict on Intimate Partner Violence : Evidence from the Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria
- Understanding Decisions Made on Asylum Applications in Host Countries
- Understanding the Socioeconomic Conditions of Refugees in Kalobeyei, Kenya Improving the quantity and quality of microdata: One of the bottlenecks related to research on forced displacement is lack of microdata - data on individuals and households collected via registries, censuses and surveys that allow for detailed socio-economic analyses of refugees, IDPs and their hosts.

This component of the program aims at improving the quantity and quality of microdata available to researchers

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leveraging the institutional capacities of the World Bank and UNHCR. Examples of this activity include expanding national household surveys to refugees and IDPs, designing new surveys, improving existing registries, and developing methodological material for microdata collections among refugees and IDPs (sampling, questionnaire design, data collection methodologies).

As of 2020, the activities under this pillar have been transferred to the World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center.

Priority Sectors

- Labour markets and self-reliance. This includes labour demand and supply policies such as work permits, training schemes, support to start-up activities, targeted investments, wage policies, retraining and other policies that foster the transition from social protection to self-reliance.
- Social protection and targeting. This includes cash programs, food voucher programs, disability programs, programs designed to foster the transition from assistance to work and other forms of social protection programs administered by humanitarian and development organizations and of relevance in a forced displacement context. Primary services.

This includes the provision of health and education including primary and secondary health provision, nutrition programs, pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary and adult education programs.

- Gender. Gender will feature prominently in the work under this program. All research funded under the program is expected to have a gender dimension and provide insights into gender inequalities whereas specific gender studies are financed in critical unresearched areas such as Gender-Based Violence in forced displacement situations.

Funding Information

- The program will finance up to 25 papers. Each paper will be awarded a grant of \$25,000 regardless of the number of authors. Grants will be paid in the form of Short-Term
- Consultancy contracts with the World Bank. The terms of the contracts will be agreed with each contracted scholar, with the total amount of contracts per paper limited to \$25,000.

Target Populations

Research will target five groups including the population of origin, refugees, IDPs, hosts and returnees.

The questions addressed by research proposals may relate to one of these populations, to several of these groups or to the relations between groups.

Geographical Areas

Priority geographical areas include Sub Saharan Africa with a focus on the countries located immediately South of the Sahara Desert, the North Africa, and Middle East region with particular emphasis on the Mashreq countries and South Asia with particular emphasis on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Apply by 30th July.

United States Department of Agriculture Scientific Exchanges Program

West Africa SPS/TBT and CSA Program

Application Deadline: July 20, 2022

Eligible Countries: Cotê d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal

The Scientific Exchanges Program (SEP) supports USDA's agricultural research goals of promoting collaborative programs among agricultural professionals of eligible countries, agricultural professionals of the United States, the international agricultural research system, and

U.S. entities conducting research. SEP is implemented by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, Global Programs, Fellowship Programs.

The SEP Fellowship in general was created to promote food security and economic growth in eligible countries by educating a new generation of agricultural scientists, increasing scientific knowledge and collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity, and extending that knowledge to users and intermediaries in the marketplace. The collaborative nature of the SEP training and research programs benefits the fellow, his or her home institution, and partner country; the U.S. host institution, its professors, researchers, and students; and the global agricultural sector by improving agricultural productivity, systems, and processes in partnering nations through the transfer of new science and agricultural technologies.

This application package is focused on applicants interested in improving human capacity in sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and technical barriers to trade (TBT), and the relationship to this of climate smart agriculture (CSA). The goal will be to empower fellows to advocate for sound SPS policy to peers, decision-makers, and the public.

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Objectives of the Fellowship:

- Provide early-to-mid career agricultural research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with individual training opportunities in SPS measures and TBT, while considering Climate Smart Agriculture to improve food safety.
- Foster increased collaboration and networking to increase trade and transform agri-food systems towards green and climate resilient practices.
- Improve food safety systems in West Africa by offering “real-world” research opportunities on food safety issues and topics related to SPS measures and TBT.
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as improving policies and regulations. More broadly, through their research, fellows will affirm the importance of the international standard setting bodies (Codex Alimentarius, the International Plant Protection Convention and the World Organization for Animal Health) to agricultural policy makers responsible for the development or improvement of national food safety regimes throughout West Africa.

Research Topics:

Focuses on food safety issues with a direct impact on international agricultural trade, such as sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and technical barriers to trade (TBT). Research should include the potential for using Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) to improve food safety. Below is a list of topics of interest.

A. Plant Health

- Plant Pathology and Plant Breeding
 - Conduct phytosanitary disease surveys (wheat, dry beans, pearl millet, sorghum, corn, soybean)
 - Assess the impact of crop diseases on international trade
 - Alignment of import standards and regulations for crop diseases
 - Field research on integrated management and diagnosis of crop diseases
- Applied Plant Ecology (sorghum)
 - Agroecological issues from interplant competitions to ecological weed management in organic production systems to optimize the efficiency and sustainability of agricultural production systems
- Insect Ecology, Biological Control, Integrated Pest Management (wheat, dry beans, sorghum, corn, soybeans)

- Plant Protection
 - Plant quarantine
 - Pest risk analysis
 - Decision support systems and risk management
- Climate smart Agriculture
 - Cropping systems
 - Precision agriculture

B. Food Safety

- Molds and mycotoxins
- Post-harvest, including regulation and quality standards
- Genetically modified food crop gene editing and safety assessment
- Bioinformatics of food allergens such as glutes (Celiac)
- Food Microbiology assessment and validation studies
- Foreign Supplier Verification Program
- Nutritional labeling in the US: Requirements and how/what to be labeled for nutrients and for risk
- Meat handling
- Food contaminants: chemical and natural
- Food testing and processing procedures
- Consumer food safety and UN guidelines for consumer protection

C. Animal – Human Health

- Ruminant diagnostics/microbiology
- Zoonotic diseases at the wildlife-livestock interface and spatial epidemiology
- Disease mapping in QGIS and spatial cluster analysis
- Textiles for the protection of humans from disease vectors, specialty fabrics/bags for grain storage
- Novel approaches to managing vectors and flies on livestock
- Development, evaluation, and use of innovative affordable agricultural tools, digital platforms to support small holder farmers
- Anti-microbial resistance monitoring
- Diagnostic/veterinary practices
- Biosecurity and biosafety (sanitation, isolation, and traffic control)
- Regulations for safety of animal source foods
- Epidemiology of foodborne pathogens

D. General Policy/Management

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- Economic analysis of SPS implementation – including business drivers
- Risk Analysis, surveillance systems, quarantine practices, inspection/monitoring processes, etc.
- Leadership and science communication
- Understanding political and policy communication
- Inter-regional coordination/ cooperation/ collaboration for SPS implementation
- Resource optimization and allocations
- Risk communication
- Leadership and science communication
- Understanding political and policy communication
- Inter-regional coordination/ cooperation/ collaboration for SPS implementation

Climate Smart Agriculture Integration

Climate change will have severe consequences for the health of crops and livestock, affecting both agricultural productivity and the quality of raw materials needed to support the global food industry. In addition to abiotic stresses, climate change can also lead to changes in pests and other biotic threats to our food supply. CSA aims to adapt and build resilience to climate change; sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which lead to further environmental degradation. The University of Missouri is home to the Precision Agriculture Technology Program, the Center for Regenerative Agriculture, the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute, the Missouri Climate Center, the Center for Watershed

Management and Water Quality, the Soil Health Assessment Center, and the Interdisciplinary Plant Group, which focuses on understanding how plants respond to changing environments. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is home to many Centers that deal with climate change and climate smart agriculture including the Center for Advanced Land Technologies, the Nebraska Center for Plant Science Innovation, the Center for Grassland Studies, the Center for Resiliency in Agricultural Working Landscapes, the National Drought Mitigation Center, and the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute. North Carolina State University faculty contribute to the Advanced Self Powered Systems of Sensors and Technologies Center, the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center, the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy, the Center for Human Health and the Environment, the Center for Integrated Pest Management, the North Carolina Institute for Climate

Studies, the Water Resources Research Institute, and the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center.

Length of Fellowships:

The fellowship will last 12 weeks, and the implementing partners are University of Missouri, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and North Carolina State University. After completing the U.S.- based portion of the fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution within six months to one year after the U.S. portion of the training. Tentative dates for the program are March 1 – May 31, 2023.

Eligibility Requirements:

Candidates will be selected based on their academic and professional research interests and achievements, level of scientific competence, aptitude for scientific research, leadership potential, likelihood of bringing back new ideas to their home institution, and flexibility and aptitude for success in a cross-cultural environment. Consideration is also given to the relevance of the applicant's research area to the research topics highlighted in the application announcement and to global food security and trade. Please use the research topics described above as a guide for answering questions on the application regarding your research proposal and research action plan.

Below is a list of eligibility requirements:

- Citizen of Cotê d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, or Senegal.
- Good reading, writing, and speaking skills in English language.
- Master's degree or higher with at least two years of practical experience (minimum).
- Currently employed by a university, research institution, or other scientific institution in a country in either Cotê d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, or Senegal.
- Intention to continue working in their home country for a minimum of two years following the return from the United States.
- Researcher with a clear connection to the research topics outlined in the call.
- Never participated previously in the Borlaug Fellowship or Scientific Exchange programs
- Proposal directly related to the research topic.

Application Requirements:

- PAPER Application form (Provided)
- Signed approval from applicant's home institution
- Two letters of recommendation (academic and professional preferred)

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- Copies of diploma(s) for college/university degree(s) received
- Copy of passport identification page

Contact Information:

Submit applications by email to Cara Conley (Cara.Conley@usda.gov), CCing Joyce West (Joyce.West@usda.gov) and CIP@missouri.edu. Applications must be received on or before **July 20, 2022**. If applicable, in person or virtual interviews with applicants are tentatively scheduled to take place in November/December 2022. Final selection of participants will be made by a FAS/USDA committee in Washington, D.C.

Applicants must complete the application in English. We will only accept applications for the program that are completed in English. The applicant's training objectives and their university administration's expectations of them upon return should be discussed and agreed upon prior to the interviews.

Should you have any questions concerning the program, please email the contacts above and reach out to:

Cara Conley, International Program Specialist

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Other funding opportunities

RFA-DA-23-052: Coordinating Center for the HIV/AIDS and Substance Use Cohorts Program (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)—Applications due August 10, 2022

RFA-DA-23-012: Pathogenic Mechanisms Influencing Blood Brain Barrier Function in HIV and Substance Use Disorders (R01 – Clinical Trial Optional)—Applications due August 11, 2022

RFA-DA-23-006: Implementing Comprehensive HIV Services in Syringe Service Program (SSP) Settings (R01 – Clinical Trial Required)—Applications due August 11, 2022

RFA-DA-23-007: Implementing Comprehensive HIV Services in Syringe Service Program (SSP) Settings (R34 – Clinical Trial Required)—Applications due August 11, 2022

RFA-DA-23-001: Exploiting in Vivo or in Situ Imaging Approaches to Understand HIV-Relevant Processes in the Context of Substance Use Disorders (R61/R33 – Clinical Trials Optional)—Applications due August 11, 2022

PAR-22-181: NIDA, NIMH, and NINDS Research Opportunities for New and "At-Risk" Investigators to Promote Workforce Diversity (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)—Applications due September 8, 2022

NIDA is excited to share this groundbreaking funding opportunity designed in partnership with NIMH and NINDS. This new program is intended to support New Investigators and At-Risk Investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the health-related sciences, proposing research within the mission of the participating NIH institutes. An investigator is considered a new investigator if they have not competed successfully for substantial independent funding from NIH. An investigator is considered an at-risk investigator if they have had prior support as a principal investigator on a substantial independent research award and, unless successful in securing a substantial research grant award in the current fiscal year, will have no substantial research grant funding in the following fiscal year. Refer to the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to learn more about eligibility, HIV research areas of interest, and other important aspects and requirements for application submission. For questions, contact Dr. Albert Avila (aavila@nida.nih.gov).

RFA-AI-22-024: Limited Interaction Targeted Epidemiology: Viral Suppression (LITE-VS) (UG3/UH3 – Clinical Trial Optional)—Applications due August 3, 2022

The purpose of this FOA is to solicit applications from investigators to enroll large, digitally maintained cohorts of PWH in the United States who are not adequately virally suppressed. Applicants will need to employ sampling strategies that ensure meaningful enrollment of participants who report prior gaps in HIV care engagement and/or lack of sustained viral suppression (VS). The goal is to follow the research cohort over time to prospectively investigate trajectories of HIV care engagement and VS as well as the temporal antecedents and multilevel factors that drive changes in care engagement, antiretroviral adherence, and VS. Researchers may test strategies for improved methods of screening, enrollment, and retention of cohort participants. Projects should seek to inform future interventions to promote sustained engagement in HIV care and sustained HIV VS, and to have the option of testing digitally delivered interventions toward that end.

RFA-DA-23-003: Investigating Transposable Elements and Mobile DNA as Targets of Integration for Establishing HIV

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Reservoirs in the Brain (R61/R33 – Clinical Trial Optional)—Applications due August 3, 2022

The purpose of this FOA is to support research examining the potential contributions of mobile DNA elements and addictive substances in HIV integration, reservoir formation, and maintenance in the brain. NIDA is specifically interested in studies exploring the contributions of molecular, genetic, and epigenetic factors in HIV integration, reservoir formation, and maintenance in microglia and/or the brain in the context of addiction.

RFA-DA-23-002: Increasing Immediate Engagement and Retention in HIV Treatment with Substance Users (R01 – Clinical Trials Required)—Applications due August 11, 2022

The purpose of this FOA is to support research that addresses limitations in understanding how to ensure all people who use drugs (PWUD) and are at risk for, or living with HIV have rapid access to high quality substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and HIV care services, including PrEP. This FOA is intended to support research that develops and tests interventions at the system, organization, provider, and/or social determinants of health levels to reduce the time between HIV testing and/or diagnosis and linkage to appropriate HIV care for PWUD. In addition to rapid HIV care, projects supported through this FOA should also address the identification of SUD service needs and rapid linkage to appropriate services. Because access to care is also impacted by sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and race/ethnicity, structural and systems-level interventions paying special attention to equity will be given priority consideration for funding.

MERCK 2022 RESEARCH GRANTS

Stimulating Innovative Research

In 2022, we are offering a series of research grants to stimulate innovative research in challenging areas of future importance. Grants of up to 500,000 € per year for up to 3 years are available in the areas as further specified below.

- Drug discovery - 3 grants comprising up to 500,000 €/year for 3 years with the option of extension.
- AI for predictive diagnostics & therapeutic target discovery - grant comprising between 100,000 - 300,000 \$/year for 2 years with the option of extension

- Chemistry in the cloud – Rapid synthesis through automation - 1 grant comprising 100,000 €/year for 3 years
- Innovation within green chemistry - 1 grant comprising 100,000 € for 1 year with potential further collaboration
- Sustainability in healthcare R&D - 1 grant comprising 100,000 € for 1 year

About The 2022 Research Grants

The Merck research grants program is open to scientists in all career stages who are affiliated with any research-based institution, university or company.

In the first stage of the Research Grants applications process, applicants submit their application containing non-confidential information only. You may apply for more than one grant or submit your application for more than one category. If your application is successful, you are invited to submit a full proposal under confidentiality and join a deep-dive workshop. All applicants are informed about the decision of the selection committee.

Submission deadline is 31 August 2022.

DEEP DIVE WORKSHOPS

The second stage of the Research Grant process is a collaborative step, the deep-dive workshop. Finalists submit their full proposals and then work together with Merck managers and scientists to jointly optimize submitted project proposals. All teams reaching this stage will be informed in October. The deep-dive workshops will take place in November 2022. The culmination of the deep-dive workshops will be the selection of the research grant winners.

RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING

The third stage of the Research Grants process is the Research Grant funding phase. To enable pay-out and project start, Merck enters into bilateral collaboration agreements with the winning recipients. Our collaborative Research Grants are a unique opportunity for researchers who are interested in working with Merck's scientists and receive guidance from industry. During the Research Grant funding period, there will therefore be regular meetings with Merck scientists.

For detail:

<https://www.merckgroup.com/en/research/open-innovation/research-grants.html>



The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) is inviting applications for innovative research and interventions that will contribute to the prevention and response of violence against women (VAW) and violence against children (VAC) and other forms of violence driven by gender inequality in low and middle-income countries.



Types of projects eligible for grant

Types of projects that may be supported under this grant include:

- Research projects that are either standalone projects or a component of a larger project that will guide efforts to effectively address or prevent VAW and VAC.
- Qualitative studies that explore the effectiveness and process of creating change with innovative VAW and VAC prevention interventions or the acceptability, impact, and process of change created by interventions that support and assist survivors of VAW and VAC.
- Projects that seek to address VAW and VAC prevention and response together or simultaneously or in one intervention with distinct elements.
- Projects that work to understand how to integrate VAW and/or VAC programming into other sectoral work and or large infrastructure development programmes.
- Those that develop innovative methods and tools for VAW and/or VAC research.
- Those that evaluate how to effectively expand tested VAW and VAC prevention and response interventions.
- Secondary analysis of existing data that will provide insights into addressing VAW and VAC more effectively and sustainably.
- Research on violence across diverse populations in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities, people living with HIV, older persons, indigenous peoples, LGBTQI, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.
- Research on the impact of Covid – 19 on VAW and the VAW/VAC intersections, including: conducting research and programming during times of widespread instability and anxiety; ethical and sage use of remote data collection; support services for survivors under restrictive regulatory environments; Covid-19 recovery plans and inclusion of VAW and VAC considerations.
- For more guidance on research priorities identified by the field look at the [Global Shared Research Agenda](#). There might be other relevant research themes in different contexts, so the GRSA should be used as a general guidance tool.

Grant value and duration

Applicants can apply for grants between \$40,000 to \$150,000 no longer than 18 months in length.

The common characteristic of these awards is the provision of limited funding for a short period of time to research projects with a clear, measurable outcome.

Guiding principles

Projects supported by The SVRI Research Grant should:

- Apply feminist and women-centred research and partnerships.
- Be conceptualised within a human rights framework.
- Adhere to international safety and ethical guidelines.
- Strive for innovation in ideas, new methodologies and partnerships, while building on evidence.
- Strive to be collaborative, cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary.
- Promote equitable participation and bring to the field diverse voices from low and middle-income countries (researchers, survivors, marginalised groups).
- Where relevant and appropriate, endeavor to engage the community where the research will take place.



- Challenge the gender hierarchy that contributes to VAW and VAC in order to promote gender equality.
- Inform policy, programmes and services and strengthen access to comprehensive care and support for survivors.

How to apply

Applications must be made via the [Proposal Central](https://proposalcentral.altum.com/) online system at:
<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/>

If you are a first-time user of Proposal Central, you must first register before you can proceed with your application. All information needed for proposal submission is available online in The SVRI Research Grant Guidelines.

Closing date

All applications must be submitted and reach us by midnight (**South African time**) on **19 July 2022**. Only applications submitted via the online system before the stated closing date and time will be considered.

Online applications can be complicated. Please try and submit well before the deadline. The SVRI and Proposal Central will not be held responsible for delays in internet connectivity or problems experienced with the online form.

Grant information summary

- Level of award: \$40,000 to \$150,000
- Period of award: 12-18 months in length
- Closing date for applications: 19 July 2022
- Further information: email svri@svri.org
- Method of application: Applications must be submitted online here (Select Award Maker: Sexual Violence Research Initiative)
- Language of application: Applications in English, French and Spanish will be accepted.



OUR MOTTO

Advancing translational research output and uptake to meet societal needs

OUR VISION

To support researchers with information on funding opportunities, encourage collaboration and provide adequate training/services for the acquisition of knowledge and skills in grantsmanship that will enable carrying out of cutting-edge research

OUR MISSION

To be the flagship of innovative research administration and management in Sub-Saharan Africa, a catalyst for doing and up taking cutting edge research in the society

WHAT WE DO?

Pre-grant application services

- Funding opportunities: disseminate research funding opportunities
- Confirm eligibility of researchers according to sponsor guidelines
- Liaise with funding agencies on behalf of the university
- Interpret sponsor guidelines & regulations
- Register & assist with agency submission websites

Proposal Writing

- Review Request for Applications (RFAs) and Request for Proposals (RFPs)
- Proposal development
- Ensure compliance with submission guidelines
- Institutional support documentation for grants application
- Edit and format grants applications for readability
- Review and sign research proposals on behalf of the University or as a delegate of the University

Budgeting

- Budget templates
- Cost sharing
- Routing and approval

Training

- Provide training opportunities relating to grantsmanship for early career researchers.

Award Services Communication

- Identify and communicate proactively and effectively award parameters and sponsor terms and conditions to researchers and other administrative staff.
- Network with researchers to share and obtain information for effective scientific communication.

Project management

- Provide assistance to researchers and staff on post-award administrative processes
- Liaise with sponsors to ensure compliance with guidelines and to resolve conflicts and concerns (where applicable)
- Initiate and manage partnership agreements, sub-awards and sub-contracts with external collaborators

Fiscal Stewardship

- Provide support to researchers to facilitate the management of research funds and ensure financial management and control on behalf of external Sponsors.
- Ensure the preparation and submission of financial reports to sponsors according to set deadlines
- Coordinate and respond to audits and monitoring visits requested by sponsors in collaboration with other units such as bursary, procurement services and the researcher.

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