

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER



West and Central Africa and the Indian Ocean – Generating and Mobilising Innovative Knowledge for Regional Education Challenges

International Development Research Centre, INT

Closing date: Proposals due by 11.45pm EDT, 30 Sep 20

The International Development Research Centre, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Education, invites proposals for its call on generating and mobilising innovative knowledge for regional education challenges in west and central Africa and the Indian Ocean. This supports projects aimed at generating and mobilising knowledge to support national education systems in developing country contexts in addressing shared policy challenges related to improving access, quality and the performance of their systems. Proposals should address one or more of the following policy challenges:

- pre- and in-service teacher training and development;
- offering chances for out-of-school children and youth;
- promoting gender equality and girls’ success in school;
- quality bilingual and pluri-lingual teaching and learning.

Individual Southern organisations based in Africa, and consortia of up to three organisations, may apply. For consortia, the lead organisation must be a Southern organisation based in Africa.

The budget is CAD 7.75 million. Grants are worth between CAD 800,000 and CAD 1.2m each for up to 33 months.

<https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding/call-proposals-west-and-central-africa-and-indian-ocean-generating-and-mobilizing-innovative>

Urbanising Deltas of the World – Connecting Worlds of Knowledge

Dutch Research Council | Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, NL

Closing date: Applications due by 2pm CEST, 01 Oct 20

The Dutch Research Council’s Science for Global Development (NWO-WOTRO) invites applications for its Urbanising Deltas of the World – Connecting Worlds of Knowledge Programme. This supports projects that contribute to global water safety, water and food security and pro-poor sustainable economic and urban development in river deltas and focus on enhancing the use and translation of research results for innovation and implementation of delta policies and management.

There is a specific focus on Bangladesh. Proposals may also relate to projects in Benin, Egypt, **Ghana**, Indonesia, Kenya, Niger, Mozambique, Vietnam, Myanmar, Colombia and South Africa.

Funding is available for the following activities:

- exchange – to enhance the inter-linkage of research and implementation, with grants worth up to €25,000 each for up to two years.
- capacity – to provide training and capacity development activities based on research findings, with grants worth up to €50,000 each for up to two years.
- implementation – to offer opportunities for next steps in research to implementation, with grants worth up to €200,000 each for between one and two years.

The main applicant must be affiliated with an in-country organisation. One or more applicants must have previously been involved in Urbanising Deltas of the World research.

The budget is €680,000, of which at least €330,000 is reserved for projects benefiting Bangladesh.

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/wotro/urbanising-deltas-of-the-world---connecting-worlds-of-knowledge/urbanising-deltas-of-the-world---connecting-worlds-of-knowledge.html>

International Geoscience Programme Project Grants

UNESCO, INT

Closing date: 15 Oct 20

UNESCO, in collaboration with the International Union of Geological Sciences and the Jeju Province Development Corporation, invites proposals for its projects grants under the international geoscience programme. This supports international collaboration, via meetings and workshops, amongst scientists from around the world in research on geological problems, particularly between those individuals from more industrialised and those from developing countries. Special topics for project proposals include:

- mining geosciences and sustainability;
- efficient and sustainable extractive industry technologies and stimulation methods;
- geology for the sustainable and safe scale-up of renewable energy production;
- big data, cloud computing and artificial intelligence in geosciences;
- geohazards nearby metropolitan areas;
- global warming CO2 emission mitigation using new methods, such as carbon storage and sequestration;
- sustainable small and volcanic islands – water, energy, resource management;
- geoheritage for sustainable development;
- geoscience and the anthropocene.

Individual and groups of scientists may apply. Project leaders should ideally include leaders from less developed countries. Women and young and early career scientists are encouraged to apply.

Funding is worth between USD 5,000 and USD 10,000 per year per project over a maximum of five years. Approximately 30 projects are supported per year.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/international-geoscience-programme/proposal-submission/>

Enduring Impacts – Archaeology of Sustainability

National Geographic Society, US

Closing date: 21 Oct 20

The Enduring Impacts: Archaeology of Sustainability Request for Proposal (RFP) focuses on the gathering and analysis of archaeological, paleoenvironmental, and paleoclimatological data for the purposes of increasing our understanding of human-environmental interactions over time, to ultimately contribute to mitigating contemporary environmental and climatic crises.

Current issues like climate change, overpopulation, disruptions in food security, and loss of habitat and biodiversity are threats that were faced and sometimes overcome by societies in the past. Ideal grant applications for this RFP would consist of research projects that are scientifically rigorous and

multidisciplinary; integrate traditional ecological knowledge systems where applicable and appropriate; seek stakeholding community buy-in from the outset of the project; have a robust external capacity development component; and produce archaeological, climatological, and environmental datasets that can be used in the creation of solutions for contemporary environmental issues in collaboration with local communities and/or policymakers.

Applications are open to investigators worldwide, though projects in North Korea, Cuba, Iran, Syria or Crimea are not eligible. Grants are worth up to USD 80,000 each over one year.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/enduring-impacts/>

Global Health Research Groups Awards

Department of Health and Social Care including NIHR, GB

Closing date: Applications due by 1pm GMT, 18 Nov 20

The National Institute for Health Research invites applications for its global health research groups awards. These provide funding to collaborations of specialist researchers within universities and research institutes in LMICs and the UK who wish to establish new programmes of applied health research. Groups will be either new to delivering applied health research globally or wish to expand an existing partnership. They will address unmet global health needs through equitable research partnerships. The aims are to:

- address locally identified challenges in LMICs through equitable research partnerships between researchers and institutions in the UK and ODA-eligible countries.
- generate the scientific evidence that can improve health outcomes for people in low resource settings through improving practice and informing policy.
- strengthen research and research management capacity and capability to support sustainability of research in partner countries.

Units must have joint UK and LMIC lead applicants employed by a research institution, HEI or a not for profit organisation. Co-applicants can be included.

Funding is worth up to £3 million between three to four years.

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-global-health-research-groups/24743>

Development of Innovative Informatics Methods and Algorithms for Cancer Research and Management (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

NIH: National Cancer Institute, US

Closing date: Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organisation on 18 November 2020.

The National Cancer Institute invites applications for its development of innovative informatics methods and algorithms for cancer research and management (R21 clinical trial optional) funding opportunity. This supports the development of innovative methods and algorithms in biomedical computing, informatics and data science addressing priority needs across the cancer research continuum, including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology or cancer health disparities. Projects are encouraged to focus on the development of novel computational, mathematical and statistical algorithms and methods that can considerably improve acquisition, management, analysis and dissemination of relevant data or knowledge.

This funding opportunity uses the NIH exploratory/developmental (R21) grant mechanism and runs in parallel with six of similar scientific scope,

US and foreign for-profit and non-profit organisations and public and private organisations may apply.

The total budget is USD 1.24 million in fiscal year 2021 to fund six awards. Grants are worth up to USD 275,000 each for two years, with no more than USD 200,000 requested in any given year.

Ref: RFA-CA-20-007 (replaces RFA-CA-19-038).

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-20-007.html>

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Grants

Environmental Research and Education Foundation, US

Closing date: 01 Dec 20

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation invites pre-proposals for its sustainable solid waste management grants. These support research that increases sustainable solid waste management practices. This includes:

- waste minimisation;
- recycling;
- waste conversion to energy, biofuels, chemicals or other useful products;
- strategies to promote diversion to higher and better uses;
- landfilling.

Institutions worldwide may apply. Applications are accepted from non-academic institutions as long as PIs are qualified to conduct the research. Submissions may include multiple institutions. PIs should typically be full-time faculty members at academic institutions, postdoctoral employees or principals or seniors at non-academic institutions.

Grants are typically in the range of USD 15,000 to USD 500,000 each, with an average amount of USD 160,000, for two years. Cost sharing is encouraged.

<https://erefdn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/>

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Global Challenges Research Fund/Newton Fund agile response call to address COVID-19

UK Research and Innovation, GB

Closing date: 31 Dec 20

*** The closing date for this opportunity has been extended. The previous deadline of 31 July has been extended to 31 December 2020. All other call details remain unchanged. ***

UK Research and Innovation, through the Global Challenges Research Fund, in partnership with the Newton Fund, invites proposals for its agile response call to address COVID-19. This supports short-term projects addressing and mitigating the health, social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak in LMICs. Proposals must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- new research or innovation with a clear pathway to impact on policy or practice that has the potential to, within the period of the award, deliver a significant contribution to the understanding of, response to, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in a developing country context;
- supports the manufacture or wide scale adoption of an intervention with significant potential for impact in developing countries;
- gathers critical data and resources quickly for future research use.

Anyone based at a UK research organisation eligible to receive funding from UKRI research councils or based in approved research organisations overseas may apply. Proposals should engage equitably with research organisations, other organisations and communities in partner countries or LMIC countries where impact will be delivered. Proposals must have at least one LMIC co-investigator and where possible UKRI expects involvement of co-investigators from the countries in which the study is situated. Applicants from LMIC countries are strongly encouraged to apply. LMIC PIs from an organisation that lead or have previously led and held UKRI grants are eligible to be lead applicants.

There is no specific budget for this call and research of any scale may be funded for up to 18 months. Funding is provided at 100 per cent fEC for international investigators and collaborators.

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/ukri-gcrf-newton-fund-agile-response-call-to-address-covid-19/>

Small Research Grants

Spencer Foundation, US

Closing date: Applications due by 12 noon CT, 03 Nov 20

The Spencer Foundation invites proposals for its small research grants. These support smaller scale or pilot projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. Work that fosters creative and open-minded scholarship, engages in deep inquiry and examines robust questions related to education is encouraged.

The principal investigators and co-PIs must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession. They must also be affiliated with a college, university, school district, non-profit research facility or non-profit cultural institution. Proposals are accepted from the US and internationally, however all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in USD.

Grants are worth up to USD 50,000 each for between one and five years.

<https://www.spencer.org/grant-types/small-research-grant>

FELLOWSHIPS

ClimapAfrica – Climate Research for Alumni and Postdocs in Africa

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) | Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DE

Closing date: 14 Sep 20

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites applications for ClimapAfrica – Climate Research for Alumni and Postdocs in Africa. This aims to enhance knowledge exchange between postdoctoral fellows and experienced alumni of German funding initiatives through application-oriented research. Research will be conducted in joint working groups and will cover several postdoctoral projects in a specific field related to climate change. Research areas include agriculture, adapted land use, climate science, law, economic and social science, mathematics, natural sciences, medicine, veterinary medicine, biodiversity, food security, marine science, human security, education, energy, informatics, water security and water resources, woodland and forest sustainability.

African nationals may apply. Applications for centres in Angola, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia,

Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Ivory Coast, The Gambia, **Ghana**, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sénégal, Togo, Cape Verde Islands, Guinea, Liberia, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone are encouraged.

The fellowship consists of a monthly allowance of €800, a research lump sum of €10,000, a flat rate travel allowance from the target country and back, as well as accident, personal liability and health insurance for between 12 to 24 months. Fellows may also get additional support for short term research stays in Germany for two to six months, and mobility fellowships for participation in relevant research conferences.

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?detail=57516492>

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Scholars Programme

Harvard University, US

Closing date: 01 Oct 20

Harvard University invites applications for its Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Scholars programme. This supports scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences, including history and law, with a command of the language, history, or culture of countries or regions outside of the US or Canada. The aim is to provide scholars with financial and research assistance to undertake sustained projects of research or acquire accessory training in their chosen fields and areas. Senior scholars act as mentors to the scholars.

All Harvard and non-Harvard recent PhD, or comparable professional school degree, recipients and doctoral candidates may apply. Those still pursuing a PhD should have completed their routine training and be well along in the writing of their theses. Those in possession of a PhD for longer than three years are ineligible.

The programme lasts two years and includes a stipend of USD 67,000 per year for postdoctoral scholars and USD 31,000 per year for predoctoral scholars, supplemented by funding for conference and research travel, research assistants and health insurance coverage.

<https://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/academy>

[Research group grants](#)

Bielefeld University, EU

Closing date: 01 Oct 20

Deadlines on: 1 October 2020

Bielefeld University's Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) invites proposals for its research group grants. These support the establishment of interdisciplinary research groups in the natural sciences, humanities or social sciences. Fellows will reside at the ZiF and work together on a broader research theme.

Interdisciplinary teams consisting of two to three scholars of any nationality may apply. Research projects should include international and interdisciplinary cooperation.

Projects with a duration of five months may receive up to €250,000 and projects with a duration of 10 months may receive up to €500,000.

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ZiF/Foerderung/fg.html>

Max Weber Fellowships

European University Institute, EU

Closing date: Applications due by 12 midnight CEST, 18 Oct 20

The European University Institute invites applications for the Max Weber fellowships. These enable early career scholars in political and social sciences, law, economics and history to spend time in one of the research centres of the European University Institute in Florence. Fellowships are offered at the following departments:

- one-year fellowships at the Departments of History and Civilisation and Law;
- one and two-year fellowships at the Department of Political and Social Sciences or the Robert Schuman Centre;
- two or three-year fellowships at the Department of Economics.

Scholars of any nationality who have completed their PhD within five years may apply. Extensions of the time period are allowed for applicants whose career have been interrupted due to parental leave, illness or mandatory military service. Preference is given to applicants who have recently completed their doctorate and have not received a postdoctoral fellowship before. Fellows are expected to participate actively in the research activities of the centre and live in Florence for the duration of the fellowship.

Up to 60 fellowships are available, each worth a monthly stipend of €2,000 as well as research expenses of up to €1,000 per year and travel reimbursement of up to €1,200. The grant also includes family allowances

of €300 per month and dependants allowance of €200 for each child per month.

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/Fellowships/MaxWeberFellowships/HowToApply>

Emerging Global Leader Award

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Closing date: 4 Nov, 2020

The purpose of the Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award is to provide research support and protected time (three to five years) to an early career research scientist from a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) who holds a junior faculty position at an LMIC academic or research institution. This intensive, mentored research career development experience is expected to lead to an independently funded research career at the LMIC institution or in another LMIC. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from LMIC scientists from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of their country under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors. Award budgets are composed of salary (up to \$75,000) and other program-related expenses (up to \$30,000).

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-098.html>

Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Closing date: 13 Nov 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages applications for the Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award (NCD-LIFESPAN) D43 program for institutional research training programs in low-and middle-income countries. Applications may be for collaborations between institutions in the U.S and an eligible LMIC or may involve just LMIC institutions if there is a previous track record of externally funded research and/or research training programs by the lead LMIC institution. The proposed institutional research training program is expected to sustainably strengthen the NCD research capacity of the LMIC institutions, and to train in-country experts to develop and conduct research on NCDs across the lifespan, with the long-range goal of developing and implementing evidence-based interventions relevant to

their countries. Application budgets are limited to \$230,000 per year for new awards and \$250,000 per year for renewal awards (total direct costs).

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-901.html>

Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding: \$275,000 in direct costs for the two-year project, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs in a single year

Application Due Date: October 19, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genome research. Applications may propose studies using either single or mixed methods. Proposed approaches may include but are not limited to data-generating qualitative and quantitative approaches, legal, economic and normative analyses, and other types of analytical and conceptual research methodologies, such as those involving the direct engagement of stakeholders.

The proposed research could analyze and measure normative, legal, economic, behavioral, and other impacts of genomics on society, assess the roles that stakeholders play in shaping interpretations of genomics, examine uses and misuses of genomic information, analyze how such uses influence the meaning and power of genomic information, and anticipate downstream effects on socio-cultural norms and institutions and develop and test strategies to address misrepresentations, misunderstandings, and misuse of genomics at an individual, institutional, or systemic level

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-257.html>

APPLYING FOR FUNDING?

The Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) provides assistance to faculty and postgraduate students when applying for research grant funding.

THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Notify ORID's representative at designated Satellite Office

2. Obtain departmental approval: Please consult with your immediate Head/Dean/Provost to confirm that the research proposal has their approval.
3. The Head/Dean/Provost will then endorse the Research Support Request form
4. The application, together with the Research Support Request Form can then be submitted to ORID through its Satellite Offices for Endorsement by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Development)
5. The Satellite Office will support you confirm eligibility and develop the application for submission.

Research Support Letters

Where the funder requests a letter of support to be signed by the Pro Vice Chancellor (RID) to be submitted for funding, the requests for support letter are to be submitted to ORID 5 working days ahead of the funder's deadline.

This is to allow for sufficient time for the review and signing of letters.

What is the role of ORID in the Proposal Submission Process?

Our aim is to ensure that all applications meet the criteria set out by the funder requirements vis-à-vis UGs rules and regulations; and that our chances of success are enhanced and that we are able to mitigate any risk that may arise in the conduct of the research. We also aim to ensure that applications are submitted on time before the funder's deadline.

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