

# Funding Opportunities

## Currently Open Grant Opportunities

### **The Global Innovation Fund**

The Global Innovation Fund invests in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. The Fund supports breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from social enterprises, for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, international organisations, researchers, and government agencies. The fund seeks solutions that can scale up commercially, through the public/philanthropic sector, or through a combination of both in order to achieve widespread adoption. Click on the link for more information. ([www.globalinnovation.fund](http://www.globalinnovation.fund)).

### **Global Health Trials**

The Global Health Trials lists major funders, and provide links directly to their open funding pages so that you can easily find different types of funding opportunities. The funders are listed in alphabetical order. Click on the link for more information (<https://globalhealthtrials.tghn.org/funding/>).

### **Energy and Environment Partnership for Southern and East Africa -- 12th and 13th Calls for Proposals**

The EEP for Southern and East Africa announces two new calls for projects in renewable energy, energy saving, and energy efficiency. Call 12 is for early-stage projects with grant funding in the range of €100 thousand to €300 thousand, and a co-financing requirement of at least 30%. Call 13 is for market-ready projects, with funding in the range of €200 thousand to €1 million, varying with co-financing contributions. Projects should be implemented in one or more of the following countries: Botswana, Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, or Zambia. The deadline for first-stage applications is 25 April 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://eepafrica.org/how-to-apply/12th-and-13th-calls-for-proposals/>).

### **Science for People and Nature Partnership -- Working Groups on Conservation and Development**

In support of the United Nations agenda on sustainable development, the Science for People and Nature Partnership (SNAP Partnership) aims to find solutions for problems at the interface of economic development, nature conservation, and human well-being. SNAPP operates through 23 working groups that represent 200 institutions from more than 30 countries. The Partnership's fourth request for proposals calls for additional working groups to fill gaps in knowledge. Proposals are invited from researchers and practitioners of any nationality affiliated with an academic, governmental, multilateral, or non-profit institution. Individuals operating independently are also eligible to apply. Proposals from low- and middle-income countries are especially welcome. Grants are a maximum of US\$200 thousand for up to two years. The

deadline for proposals is 25 April 2016. Click on the link for more information (<https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/content/snapp-call-proposals-2016>).

## **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) -- SWITCH Africa Green for Eco-Entrepreneurs in Africa**

In collaboration with SEED and other international partners, SWITCH Africa Green (SAG) is implemented by UNEP to promote green businesses in six African countries: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa, and Uganda. The focus sectors vary by country. The focal sectors for Kenya and Uganda include agriculture, among others. The selected participants will receive capacity building, networking, and assistance with crowd funding. The application deadline is 25 April 2016 for Kenya, and 01 May 2016 for Uganda. Note: Applications will open soon for Burkina Faso and Ghana. Click on the link for more information (<https://www.seed.uno/support/starter>).

## **UNESCO with L'Oreal Corporate Foundation -- Fellowships for Women in Science**

The UN's Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and L'Oreal co-sponsor doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships for women in science. The fellowships are organized by regions and countries. The program for Sub-Saharan Africa offers 14 fellowships, with an application deadline of 29 April 2016. The Middle East Regional Program offers four fellowships, and has an application deadline on 01 June 2016. (*Check the "For Women in Science" website for other countries and regions that will announce application information in the coming months.*) Click on the link for more information (<http://www.fwis.fr/en/fellowships>).

## **Cornell University -- TEEAL Databases for Agricultural Libraries in Africa**

The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) is a full-text and searchable database of articles from high-quality research journals in agriculture and related sciences. The Information Training and Outreach Center for Africa, in collaboration with Albert R. Mann Library of Cornell University, invites applications from eligible institutions in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda to acquire TEEAL sets. A total of 132 sets will be awarded. Applications should be submitted by 30 April 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.itoca.org/node/2061>).

## **New Zealand Aid Program -- Development Scholarships 2017**

New Zealand's government provides a variety of opportunities for training and university study through the New Zealand Aid Program, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The program has six scholarship schemes, reaching a total of over 90 countries. The priorities for support often include agriculture, renewable energy, fisheries, disaster risk management, and other areas related to natural resources and environment. The eligibility requirements for scholarships are specific to each country/regional program. The application deadline for online submissions is 30 April 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/info-candidates/>).

## **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission -- Distance Learning for Masters Courses in the UK 2016**

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission provides funding support to study master's degree courses offered in partnership with universities in developing countries, or delivered directly by UK institutions. The available offerings include tropical forestry; veterinary medicine; environmental management; conservation and wildlife management; risk and disaster management; and others. Eligibility extends to Commonwealth citizens of developing Commonwealth countries, refugees, and British protected persons. Applicants must be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country and meet the entry educational requirements. The application deadline is 03 May 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/info-candidates/>).

## **Sida PFAN Initiative on Clean Energy Financing -- Clean Energy in East and Southern Africa**

The Sida PFAN Initiative on Clean Energy Financing (SPICEF) offers early-stage pro bono project support to raise finance for projects in clean energy. The current call for proposals is open to innovative projects in clean energy in Dem Rep Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. SPICEF seeks business opportunities that require total initial private capital over US\$1 million (*or currency equivalent*). Proposals that primarily request grant funding are not eligible, although proposals may include elements of grant, donor, and / or subsidized funding to enhance the investment proposition. The closing date for proposals is 08 May 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.reeep.org/news/sida-pfan-initiative-clean-energy-financing-accepting-applications>).

## **UK Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) -- Ecosystems Services and Poverty Alleviation**

The UK's NERC calls for projects of research synthesis to advance global understanding on the way that ecosystem services contribute to poverty alleviation. The focus is ecosystems and poverty in low-income and lower-middle income countries. Projects will review ESPA research, knowledge, and frameworks as a starting point before more widely considering all other relevant research evidence. Eligibility to submit proposals extends to UK higher education institutions; other UK institutions; and non-UK institutions. Grants will range between £50 thousand and £200 thousand for project of up to one year. The application deadline is 17 May 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/espa/news/ao-2016/>).

## **Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) -- International Training in Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation**

Sida funds short-term training in selected development topics for participants from developing countries. The Global program includes a course on integrated processes for sustainable urban water and sanitation open to applicants from Bangladesh, Kenya, Myanmar, Tanzania, and Uganda. The training will be provided in two parts, first in Sweden and then Uganda. The closing date for applications is 10 June 2016. Click on the link for more information (<http://itp.sida.se/itp/Programcatalog.nsf/0/BC9D06EB5842CB9BC1257F7D0053E7C9?opendocument>).

## **Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (WOTRO) -- Food and Business Applied Research, 3rd Call for Proposals**

The Food & Business Applied Research Fund offers grants for applied research contributing to food security in the partner countries of Dutch international cooperation (*Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, and Yemen*). The main applicant should be a public or private organization in one of these partner countries, working with one or more research partners in Netherlands or the partner country. Grants are a maximum of €50 thousand for six months to a maximum of €300 thousand for up to 36 months. Each project requires at least 20% co-funding. The next application deadlines are 05 July 2016 and 06 December 2016. Click on the link for more information. (<http://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/wotro/food--business-research/food--business-global-challenges/food--business-applied-research-fund-arf.html>).

## **Belgium Royal Academy for Overseas Science -- Competition 2017**

Every year, each section of the Academy puts questions forward on specific subjects. Each award-winning work in the yearly competition is granted a prize of €2,500. Question 3 in the 2017 competition is: "A study is requested on the possibilities of improvement of underutilized plant species based on characterization of their genetic diversity, with the aim of solving problems of food security, poverty or climate change adaptation." The competition is open to all scientists worldwide without age restrictions. The deadline for submissions is 01 March 2017. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.kaowarsom.be/en/questions2017>).

## **Grant Opportunities with Continuous Review of Applications and/or Letters of Inquiry**

### **Archer Daniels Midland Company -- Corporate Social Investment Program**

The Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) is a multinational agribusiness corporation. ADM's corporate social investment program "ADM Cares" makes grants in themes of agricultural development, sound environmental practices, education for children and young adults, and maintaining vibrant communities. Grant seekers fill out an online application to describe their organization, contact information, and request for funding. There is no calendar deadline. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.adm.com/en-US/company/CommunityGiving/Pages/default.aspx>).

### **Farm Africa -- Maendeleo Agricultural Enterprise (MAEF)**

The MAEF makes grants and loans to small and medium-sized enterprises along the agricultural value chain in East Africa. MAEF aims to serve the "missing middle" of agricultural finance – businesses that are too big to receive services from NGOs and microfinance

institutions, but too small to qualify for commercial loans. MAEF describes eligibility criteria for small and medium enterprises that it will consider for support. The MAEF team can be contacted through Farm Africa in Kenya. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.maef-farmafrica.org/>).

## **Foundation Future of the Carbon Market -- Markets for Carbon Emissions**

The Foundation "Future of the Carbon Market" (*StiftungZukunft des Kohlenstoffmarktes*) promotes a market-based approach at a program level to reduce carbon emissions in developing countries. The program approach relies on start-up finance generated by the sale of tradable emissions certificates, combined with national policies and incentives favorable to emissions reductions. The Foundation posts funding guidelines and application forms, one for funding through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and another for funding external to the CDM. Proposals are reviewed continuously. (<http://www.carbonmarket-foundation.org/submitting-an-application>).

## **HIVOS -- Green Society Program**

The HIVOS Green Society Program supports themes in sustainable food and renewable energy. In Sustainable Food, HIVOS makes grants to strengthen smallholder farming for productive and sustainable agriculture, agricultural biodiversity, and resilience to climate change. In Renewable Energy, the focus areas are advocacy campaigns; carbon finance; and small-scale projects in biogas, clean cookstoves, and other renewable energy for poor and marginalized populations. HIVOS organizes and manages most of its grant funding by regions. Click on the link for more information (<https://www.hivos.org/thematic-funds-managed-hivos>).

## **Rufford Foundation -- Grants for Nature Conservation**

The Rufford Foundation makes grants for nature conservation undertaken by small and medium-sized organizations for projects in the developing world. The Foundation prefers projects that are pragmatic, and that have a significant human element. There are no restrictions by nationality or country of residence. Grant applications are made in sequential stages: first grant, second grant, booster grants, and completion grant. Grants are up to £5 thousand each for a first grant and a second grant. Applications can be submitted at any time. Click on the link for more information (<http://www.rufford.org/>).