

Funding News – November 2009

Faculty for the Future Fellowships

What: Faculty for the Future fellowships are awarded to women from developing and emerging economies who are preparing for PhD or post-doctoral study in the physical sciences, engineering, or related disciplines to pursue advanced graduate study at top universities in their disciplines abroad. Launched by the Schlumberger Foundation in 2004, Faculty for the Future has grown to become a community of 110 women from 35 countries.

The long-term goal of the program is to generate conditions that result in more women pursuing scientific disciplines. Grant recipients are therefore selected as much for their leadership capabilities as for their scientific talents, and they are expected to return to their home countries to continue their academic careers and inspire other young women.

Who: Applicants must be citizens of a developing or emerging country, be preparing for PhD or post-doctoral study in the physical sciences or related disciplines. They should have a proven track record of teaching experience and should demonstrate active participation in faculty life and outreach work to encourage young women into the sciences and hold an excellent academic record. Faculty for the Future fellows are expected to return to their home countries to continue their academic careers after their study abroad.

When: Application deadline - 30 November 2009

Where: <http://www.slb.com/content/about/foundation/facultyfuture.asp#apply>

MSc in Molecular Mechanisms of Disease Scholarships

What: This program was designed for high-calibre students with a background in life sciences such as cell biology, molecular medicine, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, biotechnology or molecular biology.

Who: Students from Turkey, India, Ethiopia, and Zambia.

When: Application deadline - 1 December 2009

Where: http://www.ru.nl/master/ncmls-mmd/admission_amp/scholarships/

Fellowships in Sustainability Science - Harvard University

What: The Sustainability Science Program at Harvard University's Center for International Development invites applications for resident fellowships in sustainability science for the 2010 academic year.

Who: Advanced doctoral and post-doctoral students, and to mid-career professionals engaged in research or practice to facilitate the design, implementation, and evaluation of effective interventions that promote sustainable development.

Applicants should describe how their work would contribute to "sustainability science," the emerging field of use-inspired research seeking understanding of the interactions between human and environmental systems as well as the application of such knowledge to sustainability challenges relating to advancing development of agriculture, habitation, energy and materials, health and water while conserving the earth's life support systems. **This year preference will be given to applicants who address the challenges related to meeting human needs for water or food/agriculture/land use in the context of sustainable development.**

Where: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/sustsci/fellowship>

When: Application deadline - 1 December 2009

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

What: A limited number of scholarships are available for outstanding Agricultural Economics candidates from developing countries provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) under its special initiative "*Postgraduate Courses for Professionals with Relevance to Developing Countries*".

Who: Agricultural Economists in developing countries

When: Application deadline - 1 December 2009

Where: [Announcement](#)

Volkswagen Foundation: Call for pre-proposals for Postdoctoral Junior Fellowships

What: The Volkswagen Foundation has released a call for pre-proposals for postdoctoral junior fellowships for African researchers on "Resources, their Dynamics, and Sustainability - Capacity Development in Comparative and Integrated Approaches

Who: Applicants must be junior postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa with less than 3 years of postdoctoral experience. The PhD must have been granted at the latest by the end of 2010. Applicants from Sub-Saharan countries outside South Africa and applicants returning to Sub-Saharan countries are particularly encouraged to apply. Detailed information available [here](#).

When: Application deadline - 15 December 2009

Where: www.volkswagenstiftung.de -> funding -> international focus -> Knowledge for Tomorrow - Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa -> Questions should be directed to Dr. Detlef Hanne hanne@volkswagenstiftung.de

Genotyping Support Service (GSS): Call for Proposals

What: Generation Challenge Programme (GCP) in conjunction with Global Crop Diversity Trust is calling for proposals for their Genotyping Support Service (GSS).

GSS aims to help spread the benefits of marker technology in the developing world through:

- Technology access: facilitating developing world researchers' access to top molecular marker technologies for germplasm analysis;
- Capacity-building: training researchers in data analysis and knowledge application; and,
- Sustainability and spread: to build a core of researchers who can continue to use the technology, independent of GCP support.

The GSS is offered to plant breeding programs and germplasm collections in the developing world to facilitate their access to molecular marker technologies for the analysis of germplasm. GSS hires high-throughput,

cost-effective genotyping facilities; beneficiaries of the service will send their samples there for analysis, with the GSS covering the costs.

GSS is not only limited to genotyping services and financial support, but also includes capacity development: participating researchers receive training to analyse the resulting data, including interpretation and application of the new knowledge.

Who: Applicant organisations will be national agricultural research systems, academia, civil society organisations or private companies, located in developing countries and active in plant breeding and/or germplasm conservation for the main food crops.

Applicants should be willing to incorporate the use of molecular marker technologies with a long-term perspective, ie, demonstrate readiness to take the steps needed to become self-sufficient in outsourcing genotyping work in the medium term.

When: Application deadline - 15 December 2009

Where: <http://www.generationcp.org/sp5/?da=09166016>

The International Foundation of Science (IFS) Research Grants

What : IFS is offering research grants covering natural science and social science research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agroforestry, aquatic resources, natural products, water resources, etc.

Who: Young scientists in developing countries doing research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources. Applicants should be:

- citizens of a developing country.
- scientists with at least a Master's or equivalent degree/research experience
- under 40 years of age and at the beginning of research career
- attached to a university, national research institution or a research-oriented NGO in a developing country.

Exceptions:

Researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa are eligible for IFS support up to the age of 45, provided they have completed their highest academic degree (MSc, MA, PhD, Post-Doc or equivalent) in the previous 5 years.

When: Application deadline - 31 December, 2009

Where: <http://www.ifs.se/>

Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) - 2010

What: The Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) is a capacity building program designed to strengthen the skills, knowledge, and networks of proven human rights defenders from the Global South and marginalized communities in the United States. The Program provides advanced training, support, and networking opportunities to respected human rights leaders. The focus is both on strengthening the skills of the individual Advocates and providing tools for them to build sustainable organizations that advocate for disadvantaged peoples. The four-month intensive capacity building program based at Columbia University in New York focuses on the following key issue areas:

- Environmental injustice
- Labor rights violations
- Ramifications of resource extraction
- Public health crises
- Unsustainable development
- Intolerance, xenophobia, and social exclusion

Who: Lawyers, journalists, doctors, teachers, social workers, community organizers, and other human rights activists working with NGOs on issues including labor rights, migration, health, social exclusion, environmental justice, and corporate social accountability. Participants are selected on the basis of their previous work experience in human rights, commitment to the human rights field, and demonstrated ability to pursue graduate-level studies. Full-time students or government officials will not be considered. Applicants must be from or reside in the Global South or the United States. Fluency in English is required. Preference is given to those who have not previously had opportunities to travel and study internationally.

Advocates must secure institutional endorsement from their organizations for their participation in the Program and must commit to returning to that organization upon completion of the Program.

When: Application deadline - 31 December 2009

Where: <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/apply/?page=instructions>

L'Oréal-UNESCO Regional fellowships For Women in Science in Sub-Saharan Africa

What: The L'Oréal-UNESCO Regional fellowships "For Women in Science" in Sub-Saharan Africa seeks to assist women scientists to realize important scientific research in all fields of science, engineering and technology.

Who: Women citizens and permanent residents from Sub-Saharan African countries.

Where: www.ansti.org, Applications should be sent to:
The Coordinator Africa Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI), P.O Box 30592, 00100 GPO, Nairobi, Kenya or unesco-loreal@ansti.org

When: Application deadline - 31 January, 2010

Pan Africa Chemistry Network (PACN) - Syngenta Visiting Research Fellowships

What: The PACN-Syngenta Visiting Research Fellowships provide the opportunity for African scientists who are employed in their industrial, academic or public service sectors to visit Jealott's Hill International Research Centre in the UK. The aim of the Visiting Research Fellowships is to pursue research in analysis, formulation or synthetic chemistry; the focus being on learning new methodologies or the use of experimental techniques to tackle a particular scientific problem

Who: Applicants MUST:

- have Masters degree in relevant field
- interest in these research areas: Analytical and Synthetic Chemistry including Sustainable Process Development, Formulation Chemistry, Natural Products, and Physical Organic Chemistry
- be currently employed in industry, academia, public service or a registered PhD student in an African institution.
- submit written confirmation of their employment in industry, academia, public service or their student status.
- submit a comprehensive research programme proposal for the full period of the fellowship.

When: Application deadline - 15 February 2010

Where: http://www.rsc.org/images/Fellowships_tcm18-155265.pdf

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) Grants

What: The IUGG Grants Programme for 2008-2011 to complement its existing programme of funding symposia and workshops organised or co-sponsored by Union Associations and Union Commissions. Key priority areas are defined for the Grants Programme in line with IUGG overall scientific strategies:

- creation of new knowledge in Geodesy and Geophysics;
- dissemination of data and information on Geophysics and Geodesy;
- Geo-science for sustainable development;
- Geo-science and policy interface;
- Geo-science in Africa.

Who: Click [here](#) for details on the eligibility criteria

When: Application deadline - 30 March 2010

Where: <http://www.iugg.org/grants/>

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation Grant

What : The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to promote the conservation of natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and improve health in the developing world. The foundation helps build capacity within developing countries in its three areas of interest with grants that support research or projects that solve specific problems.

The foundation supports projects that demonstrate strong local leadership, promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences; develop the capacity of local organizations; and address a particular problem in the field. It prefers to support projects addressing under-funded issues and geographic areas.

Who: Ordinarily the foundation limits its support to those organizations that have received a letter of determination of tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and are not a private foundation under section 509(a). However, the directors wish to remain open to the possibility of supporting certain equivalents, such as a domestic or foreign governmental unit or agency, or non-governmental, foreign organization determined to be the equivalent of a 501(c)(3)

organization, which can provide secure evidence of its nonprofit status and charitable purpose.

When: Application deadline - 1 January 2010 (Round 1) and 1 July 2010 (Round 2)

Where: <http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds –Travel Grant

What: The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds is a public foundation - an independent, not-for-profit institution for the exclusive and direct promotion of basic research in biomedicine. It supports researchers and projects aimed to experimentally elucidate basic phenomena of human life and pays particular attention to the promotion of junior scientists.

Who: For junior researchers pursuing experimental projects in basic biomedical research. European citizens working in Europe and overseas, and non-European citizens who will use the travel grant to work in Europe. Applicants must pursue an experimental project in basic biomedical research and belong to one of the following groups of junior scientists:

- PhD students or medical students pursuing an experimental doctoral thesis who are not older than 30 years of age;
- postdocs who are pursuing a particular research project who are not older than 32 years of age;
- graduates from abroad who have applied for a PhD project, but who have not yet worked with their potential PhD supervisor.

When: Travel grants are awarded for short-term visits of up to 3 months.

Where: http://www.bifonds.de/cgi-bin/show.pl/travel_grants/travel_grants.html

Resources

G&D guidelines on **how to write a winning proposal at:**
<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Newsletter/Tipsforgoodproposal.doc>

G&D tips for **Publishing and Presentations at:**
http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast_the_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf

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