

Opportunities Roundup: August 2020

Enclosed please find your monthly round up of grant, fellowship, contest, and award opportunities for August 2020.

Seeding Labs is operating remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and hope you all continue to do well during these challenging times.

In case you missed it, here's how some of our Instrumental Access awardees are [fighting COVID-19 in the Dominican Republic](#).

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COVID-19 Resources

The Global Health Network COVID-19 resources include:

[COVID-19 Clinical Research Resources](#)

[Coronavirus Outbreak Knowledge Hub](#)

[Resources Dashboard](#)

[Regional Response](#)

Grants and Fellowships

German Academic Exchange Service DAAD Postgraduate Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Germany finances through DAAD the participation in one of the [postgraduate programs](#) after a first undergraduate course for technical or scientific specialization, a postgraduate or master's program in Germany, in the country of origin or in another foreign country.

The time of the scholarship depends on the duration of the selected program:

- For a postgraduate or a master's degree completed in Germany, between 10 and 24 months
- For a period of study in Germany as part of a postgraduate or master's degree completed in a foreign country, usually an academic year

The scholarship covers:

- Scholarship payments of 850 euros a month
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- Travel allowance
- One-off study allowance

Waitt Foundation Rapid Ocean Conservation (ROC) Grants Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The [Rapid Ocean Conservation \(ROC\) Grants Program](#) provides small grants with a quick turnaround time for solutions to emerging conservation issues and ocean protection. Proposals for grants up to US\$10,000 will be reviewed on a monthly rolling basis. Proposals up to US\$15,000 will be considered, but granted highly infrequently. Project funds will be distributed within 2 weeks of funding decisions. Grants will fund projects related to the Waitt Foundation mission of supporting sustainable fishing and marine protected areas (MPAs). Spending of grant funds must commence within 1 month of granting, and be completed within 6 months.

TWAS-BIOTEC Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

Deadline: 31 August 2020

[TWAS-BIOTEC Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) are tenable in BIOTEC and its affiliated research units for a period of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months and are awarded to young scientists from developing countries (other than Thailand) to enable them to pursue advanced research in biotechnology. BIOTEC will provide a standard monthly allowance which should be used to cover living costs, such as accommodation and food.

PEDL ERG Call on Climate Change

Deadline: 1 September 2020

PEDL invites applications to the first of this [special ERG call](#) for research on firms and climate change. Policymakers in lower-income countries face many challenges in supporting private firms. Climate change adds to

those challenges. We seek proposals for research which will enable policymakers to make more informed decisions. ERGs are grants of between £10,000 and £40,000; ERG projects typically run for 12 months.

PFAN Call for Climate or Clean Energy Projects

Deadline: 1 September 2020

Are you looking for funding for your climate or clean energy project or to scale up your existing business? To be eligible for PFAN support, your project or business must provide climate change adaptation benefits, or offer or use clean energy technologies, products or services. PFAN accepts [applications](#) for projects and scale up businesses in low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Pacific Islands, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Central America and Caribbean Islands.

MRC/DFID African Research Leader Scheme for Emerging African Researchers

Deadline: 8 September 2020

The MRC/DFID jointed funded [scheme](#) aims to strengthen research leadership across Sub-Saharan African by attracting and retaining exceptionally talented individuals who will lead high quality programmes of research on key global health issues. The African Researcher Leader will be supported by a UK based mentor as part of a partnership between their African and UK institutions. Awards provide support for up to five years.

NIH Global Infectious Disease Research Training (GID)

Letter of intent deadline: 28 September 2020

The [Global Infectious Disease \(GID\) research training program](#) addresses research training needs related to infectious diseases that are predominantly endemic in or impact upon people living in developing countries. Training programs may include:

- Long-term (master's or doctoral degree and other training that is six months or longer).
- Medium-term (three- to up to six-months) training or mentoring, including specialized clinical, laboratory, research or administrative/business skills.
- Short-term (less than three months) training or mentoring that focuses on research methodology, laboratory skills necessary to support research ethics and compliance issues, program and grants

administration and financial management, grant writing, preparation of scientific manuscripts, data management, informatics, and other relevant areas.

- Institutional capacity-building efforts such as in-country training workshops in advanced research techniques, distance learning and informatics.
- Advanced in-country mentored research undertaken by the trainee in their home country upon completion of his/her initial period of long-term training under the program.

TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training

Deadline: 1 October 2020

TWAS offers [fellowships](#) to young scientists in developing countries to enable them to spend three to 12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. The purpose of these fellowships is to enhance the research capacity of promising scientists, especially those at the beginning of their research career, helping them to foster links for further collaboration.

TWAS Visiting Expert Programme

Deadline: 1 October 2020

This [programme](#) provides institutions and research groups in developing countries, especially the Least Developed Countries and those with limited outside contacts, with opportunities to establish long-term links with world leaders in areas of science other than mathematics and physics, and help develop capacity-building in their country. The programme supports visits of 2-4 weeks by internationally renowned scientists to institutions located in developing countries.

Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award

Letter of intent deadline: 4 October 2020

The [Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award](#) aims to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a LMIC who holds an academic junior faculty position or research scientist appointment at an LMIC academic or research institution. The total project period may not exceed 5 years.

NIH Global Brain Disorders Research

Letter of intent deadline: 6 October 2020

The [Global Brain and Nervous System Disorders Research](#) program supports collaborative research and capacity building projects relevant to LMICs on brain and nervous system disorders throughout life. Grant recipients develop innovative, collaborative research programs that contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in nervous system function and nervous system impairment. Application budgets are limited to \$125,000 per year in direct costs for a project period up to 2 years.

Contests and Prizes

Water Data Challenge

Deadline: Ongoing

The [Water Data Challenge](#) is implemented by the Global Innovation Fund (GIF), an evidence-based, venture-capital-inspired funder of scalable innovations. GIF is seeking breakthroughs that cost-effectively improve smallholder farmers' productivity, income, or resilience; or that help to optimize water use at the system, watershed, or basin level so as to enhance resilience or promote inclusive growth. GIF can fund pilot-stage proposals (proof of concept) up to US\$230,000, and test and transition (demonstration) proposals up to US\$1 million.

Conferences and Travel Grants

Grant to Activate Global Engagement (GAGE)

Deadline: 31 August 2020

Virtual conference dates: 4-9 October 2020 from 10am - 7:30pm daily, US Eastern Time

This year, the American Neurological Association (ANA) annual meeting will be a virtual meeting. The [GAGE funding opportunity](#) is aimed at helping facilitate your organization's involvement with up to US\$1500 available to support attendance at the virtual meeting. Any organization or group of neurologists/neurology trainees engaged in clinical care, research and/or medical education in a LMIC setting whose practice is

focused on the care of children and/or adults with neurological disorders is eligible.

Global Health Travel Awards

Deadlines vary; see below

Global Health Travel Awards are to enable attendance of scientists, physicians, fellows or students from countries where the meeting topic health problems are endemic. The award will cover conference-related expenses to include: meeting registration, lodging, airfare and ground transportation from host airport to the resort.

- Viral Immunity: Basic Mechanisms and Therapeutic Applications

5-9 February 2021, Banff, AB, Canada

GHTA Application Deadline: 1 September 2020

- Respiratory Viruses: New Frontiers

5-9 February 2021, Banff, AB, Canada

GHTA Application Deadline: 1 September 2020

- Next Generation HIV Vaccines & Therapies

21-25 February 2021, Santa Fe, NM, USA

GHTA Application Deadline: 22 September 2020

Opportunities collated by Seeding Labs volunteer Anne Rocheleau.

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