

Opportunities Roundup: October 2020

Dear Sekazi,

Enclosed please find your monthly roundup of grant, fellowship, contest, and award opportunities for October 2020.

In case you missed it, [we are now accepting applications for Instrumental Access!](#)

If you have considered applying or have worked with us before, please note that **we've made a few changes to the application process.**

We hope these two refinements will make the experience better and fairer for all of our applicants.

Applications will now be **accepted and reviewed year-round.** And in response to feedback from applicants, the application form and process has been **shortened and streamlined**

Our **first round of review closes 30 October 2020.** Check out [the application](#) to see if it's a good fit for you, and please help us spread the word!

All the best,

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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.

Jeanie Borlaug Laube Women in Triticum (WIT) Early Career Award

Deadline: 31 October 2020

This [award](#) provides professional development opportunities for women working in wheat during the early stages of their career. Recipients are invited to the annual BGRl technical workshop. The exact amount of the award will vary with demonstrated need, but is intended to help cover costs associated with attending the BGRl Workshop, including economy airfare, hotel, registration fees, and a standard per diem for meals and other incidentals. Award recipients are also eligible to attend a training program at CIMMYT in Obregon, Mexico. The award is made only to women. There is no age limit, but the award is intended for early career scientists ranging from advanced undergraduates to recent PhD graduates and post- doctoral fellows. Priority is given to women at the pre-professoriate level.

WWF Professional Development Grants

Deadline: 1 November 2020

WWF [Professional Development Grants \(PDGs\)](#) provide support for mid-career conservationists to pursue short-term, non-degree training to upgrade their knowledge and skills. This training can include short courses, certificate training, or conferences among other training opportunities. Grants will be awarded up to US\$2,000 based on program requirements.

NIH HIV-associated Noncommunicable Diseases Research at Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions

Letter of intent deadline: 3 November 2020

The goal of this [program](#) is to support locally relevant research in critical areas of HIV-associated non-communicable diseases (NCDs) at Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) Institutions, to enhance research capacity and build a network of researchers both within and across LMICs to address this critical burden. The combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed US\$275,000. No more than US\$150,000 may be requested in any single year. Applicants may request a project period of up to two years.

TWAS Research Professors in LDCs

Letter of intent deadline: 3 November 2020

A number of TWAS Fellows will be offered appointments as [TWAS Research Professors](#) for a period of five years, during which he/she will

be expected to visit the host institution in a Least Developed Country (LDC) three times for a minimum stay of one month each time. TWAS provides travel support while living expenses are covered by the host centre. Only TWAS Fellows are eligible for appointment. Requests need to be submitted by research groups/scientific institutions in LDCs.

NIH Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa) Research Hubs (U54–Clinical Trial Optional)

Letter of intent deadline: 9 November 2020

This [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#) seeks applications for Research Hubs as part of a broader initiative entitled Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa). The goal of DS-I Africa is to spur new health discoveries and catalyze innovation in healthcare, public health, and health research on the continent through application of data science. Applications must be submitted from African academic or other non-profit organizations. Proposed partnerships with organizations outside the applicant institution are required and can include all types of organizations in Africa, the U.S., or other countries.

NIH Translational Research in Maternal and Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

Letter of intent deadline: 10 November 2020

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications that will perform basic, translational and clinical research to improve drug safety and efficacy for maternal and pediatric precision therapeutics. For the [R01](#), application budgets are not limited, and the maximum project period is 5 years. For the [R21](#), the combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed US\$275,000. No more than US\$200,000 in direct costs may be requested in any single year. The maximum project period is 2 years.

Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) Next Generation Crops Challenge Area

Deadline: 11 November 2020

The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) builds unique partnerships to support innovative and actionable science addressing

today's food and agriculture challenges. We are [seeking innovative research](#) focused on improving climate resilience in crops to provide the critical solutions necessary to enhance the sustainable production of nutritious food for a growing global population. For 2021, FFAR anticipates funding up to two meritorious applications. The project duration is up to 60 months and the proposal funding range is US\$250,000 - US\$1,000,000.

NIH Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Initiative (EEID)

Deadline: 18 November 2020

This joint National Institutes of Health (NIH) - National Science Foundation (NSF) [initiative](#) supports efforts to understand the underlying ecological and biological mechanisms that govern relationships between human-induced environmental changes and the emergence and transmission of infectious diseases. Projects are encouraged to consider how integrated environmental and biomedical approaches to infectious diseases may enhance our ability to predict and control them.

BIOPAMA Action Component Rapid Response Grants

Deadline: 31 December 2020

The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme is an initiative of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) financed by the European Union's 11th European Development Fund (EDF). The [Rapid Response Grants](#) aim at increasing the resilience of protected areas and local communities' livelihoods facing the risks and difficulties of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Any grant requested under this call for proposals must be no more than the maximum amount of €50,000 and have a maximum duration of 12 months.

MPOWER Women in STEM Scholarship

Deadline: 31 December 2020

In keeping with MPOWER's commitment to empower high-potential global citizens to realize their educational aspirations, this [scholarship program](#) focuses on women who will use their STEM degree to benefit society and the planet and who have the potential to serve as role models and advocates for women in STEM. Scholarships are awarded annually to female international/DACA students who are currently enrolled or accepted to study full-time in a STEM degree program in the United

States or Canada. Awards include a Grand Prize of US\$3,000 and 2 Honorable Mentions of US\$1,000.

Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security

Deadline: 11 January 2021

Olam International, in partnership with Agropolis Fondation, is on the hunt for ground-breaking scientific research that can deliver transformational impacts within global agriculture and win a US\$75,000 grant to support development and implementation. The [Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security](#) requires clear evidence of potential short-term impact on food availability, affordability, adequacy, and accessibility. Applications are welcomed from academic or research institutions, civil societies and the private sector, and can focus on any region, environment, crop or part of the agricultural supply chain.

Contests and Prizes

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.