

AR4D Funding Opportunities for Africa – February 2021

AGRICULTURAL

Research

Fiat Panis Foundation — Prize for Master Thesis in Food Security

The Fiat Panis Foundation makes awards for university thesis and dissertation research in themes of agriculture, ecology and natural resources, with a focus on food security in developing countries. The Hans Hartwig Ruthenberg Graduate Award is €7.5 thousand in support of qualified young scientists by honoring their excellent master thesis in the field of food security. The deadline for submissions (German, English) is **30 April 2021**.

<http://www.stiftung-fiat-panis.de/en/science-awards/hans-h-ruthenberg>

Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Research Collaboration 2021

Within the framework of Danish development cooperation, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls for research proposals between Denmark and researchers in partner countries. Window 1 will fund research (sustainable development and climate change) with partners in the Danida priority countries. Window 2 will fund research (renewable energy, environment, water resources, food quality, maritime development) with partners in growth and transition countries. Window 1 is open to research institutions in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Palestine, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda, in

addition to Denmark. Window 2 is open to Danish research organizations in collaboration with research institutions in Bangladesh, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, South Africa, and Vietnam. For both windows, the application deadline (Phase 1) is **26 February 2021**.

<https://dfcentre.com/research/calls/>

USDA-NIFA: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is seeking applications for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants Program - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS) to support research, education, and extension work by awarding grants to solve key problems of local, regional, national, and global importance in sustaining conventional, organic, and urban agricultural systems. NIFA seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach and that will significantly improve the supply of abundant, affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible food, while providing sustainable opportunities for expansion of the bioeconomy through novel animal, crop, and forest products and supporting technologies. These approaches must demonstrate current and future social, behavioral, economic, health, and environmental impacts. Deadline - **1 July 2021**

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=329768>

Volkswagen Foundation -- Research Workshops and Summer Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa

In its research program "Knowledge for Tomorrow," the Volkswagen Foundation funds research projects of African scientists in cooperation with partners in Germany. The program

supports research across all disciplines. To aid with project proposals and development, the Volkswagen Foundation makes grants for workshops, symposia, and summer schools in Africa to help partners discuss and agree on research priorities and approaches. Applications for workshops and summer schools can be submitted at **any time** in consultation with the Foundation's contact person for the program.

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/knowledge-for-tomorrow-%E2%80%93-cooperative-research-projects-in-sub-saharan-africa>

Bio-diversity, Environment, Climate change

German Government — International Climate Initiative Small Grants

Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI) supports projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation, and biodiversity projects that have climate relevance. The focus of the IKI Small Grants scheme is to provide support to the implementation of projects addressing the global loss of biodiversity in connection with climate change. The IKI Small Grants scheme will select project proposals with a funding volume of up to €200 thousand. Not-for-profit organizations and for-profit non-government organizations, if they pursue strictly non-profit objectives, are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is **09 February 2021**.

https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/project-funding/information-for-applicants/iki-small-and-medium-grants/iki-small-grants?iki_lang=en

German Government — International Climate Initiative: Thematic Selection

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) funds climate projects that address pressing challenges in the areas of climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation, including the unique issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The funding amount provided by the German Government ranges from €5 million to €30 million per project. Applicants for funding must apply as a consortium. Nonprofit organizations, enterprises, universities and research institutions as well as international intergovernmental organizations are eligible. The selection procedure is done in two stages. In the first stage, interested implementing organizations submit a project outline. Project outlines must be submitted by **10 March 2021**.

<https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/project-funding/information-for-applicants/thematic-selection-procedure/thematic-selection-procedure-2020>

Global Innovation Fund -- Social Innovations for the Developing World

The Global Innovation Fund (GIF) welcomes proposals of innovative and cost-effective solutions that address any major development challenge (including energy, water access, agriculture and fisheries) in any country or in multiple countries of the developing world. The program is open to teams and coalitions from social enterprises, for-profit companies, NGOs, government agencies, international organizations, and researchers anywhere in the world. GIF offers grants, loans, and equity investments ranging from US\$50 thousand to US\$15 million. Applicants should propose the level and type of funding that is appropriate for their innovation, based on the stage of development. **GIF accepts applications on a continuous basis.**

<https://www.globalinnovation.fund/apply/steps/understanding-the-application-process/>

Fellowships/scholarships/grants

World Wildlife Fund U.S. -- Educational Fellowships 2021

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF-U.S.) supports individuals pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in conservation. The Russell E. Train Fellowships provide conservationists from target countries with financial support for their studies and field research. The 2021 focuses on achieving sustainable Blue Economy outcomes, with emphasis on small-scale fisheries and tropical ecosystems across the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Ocean. EFN also provides fellowships to current and aspiring university faculty that are affiliated with or currently employed at African, Asian and Latin American universities to pursue a PhD in conservation-related fields. Applicants may request up to US\$30 thousand per year for up to two years. The application deadline is **01 March 2021**.

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/russell-e-train-fellowships>

AWARDS and O T H E R

Iridescent — Technology Entrepreneurship Program for Girls

Technovation invites teams of girls from all over the world to learn and apply the skills needed to solve real-world problems through technology. Girls work with women mentors, find a problem in their community and develop a mobile app to launch a startup. Categories may include environment, poverty, health, and others. Eligibility extends to teams of up to 5 girls (aged 10-18 years). Registration deadline is **12 March 2021**.

<https://technovationchallenge.org/get-started/>