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Strengthening Grants inviting Women-led, LGBTIQ-led and Disabled Persons Civil Society Organizations

**Deadline:** 11 October 2019

AmplifyChange is seeking applications for its Strengthening Grants to support time-limited projects (usually up to 24 months) that seek to engage and contribute to bringing about change in one or more of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) priority themes of AmplifyChange.

Strengthening grants are intended to support, strengthen quality and scale-up the work of small to medium civil society organizations, partnerships and coalitions who are operating at a local, community, district or national level.

Strengthening grants are also intended to support organizational development and boost effectiveness of organizations; they understand that this enables organizations to better implement projects that are aiming to secure improvements in SRHR.

**Priorities**

AmplifyChange support advocacy and activist groups working on these five priority areas:

- Addressing gender-based violence, including sexual violence and female genital mutilation (FGM).
- Addressing the causes of unsafe abortion including decriminalization of abortion.
- Challenging stigma and discrimination, attitudes and laws that undermine human rights, including on grounds of gender or sexual orientation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) individuals.
- Improving sexual health of young people and girls, including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and addressing child and early forced marriage (CEFM).
- Increasing access to comprehensive reproductive health services for poor, vulnerable and marginalized people.

**Outcome Areas**

In this call for Strengthening grant proposals, AmplifyChange will consider proposals working to strengthen one or more of the outcome areas that AmplifyChange supports. These are:

- Increasing individual awareness of SRHR as human rights
- Improving access to SRHR resources, information & services
- Transforming social norms
• Changing policies & laws
• Building stronger, more inclusive movements for SRHR

Budget

• AmplifyChange will not consider grants below EUR40,000 or exceeding EUR100,000 in budget.
• Up to 40% of a Strengthening Grant can also be used to support core costs - the costs of organizational development and boosting organizational effectiveness of an organization dedicated to strengthening SRHR.
• In this round, a Strengthening grant will range from EUR40,000 – EUR100,000. Grants will be for a maximum of two years (24 months).
• AmplifyChange receives strong competition for Strengthening grants. Therefore, they encourage applicants to provide realistic budgets to match their proposed approach, and not just apply for the maximum amount available.

Eligibility Criteria

• This Strengthening Grant round is open to women-led, LGBTIQ-led and disabled persons civil society organizations only. Applicants must be Southern-based organizations from sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
• A Women-led organization is an organization whose senior leadership at both board and staff levels is comprised of more than 50% women. The Executive Director must be a woman. Definition of a woman is anyone who identifies as a woman and is inclusive of cisgender, transgender, and gender non-conforming and non-binary people.
• A LGBTIQ-led organization is an organization whose senior leadership at both board and staff levels is comprised of more than 50% of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex communities. The Executive Director must identify as LGBTIQ.
• Disabled persons’ organizations or DPOs are representative organizations or groups of persons with disabilities (PWDs), where PWDs constitute a majority of the overall staff, board, and volunteers in all levels of the organization. It includes organizations of relatives of PWDs (only those representing children with disabilities, people with intellectual disabilities, and/or the Deafblind) where a primary aim of these organizations is empowerment and the growth of self-advocacy of persons with disabilities.
  o The applicant organization must be registered in one of the AmplifyChange eligible countries.
The project must be implemented in one of the AmplifyChange eligible countries.

The applicant organization must have a bank account.

The project must respond to one or more of the Amplify Change priorities.

The project must respond to one or more of the AmplifyChange outcome areas.

The organization must be a Southern-based organization.

The organization must be a small to medium sized organization with an average annual expenditure of less than EUR1 million per year.

- AmplifyChange will consider applications from civil society organizations based in Sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia. It recognizes the broad scope of civil society and the wide range of organizations, actors and coalitions it encompasses.

- Civil Society Organizations can include:
  - Community groups
  - Youth Groups
  - Non-governmental organizations
  - Indigenous groups
  - Charitable organizations
  - Faith-based organizations
  - Research institutes
  - Social enterprise groups
  - Public-private partnerships
  - Communications and media groups
  - Professional associations

International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) based in the Global North and UN agencies are not eligible to apply for this call.

**How to Apply**

Applicants can apply online via given website.


For more information, please visit [AmplifyChange](https://www.amplifychange.org).
Funding Call to Prevent and Combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

**Deadline:** 6 December 2019

The End Violence Fund is currently accepting Expressions of Interest focused on solutions that leverage existing and new technologies to prevent and combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse (online CSEA). Total fund to be awarded through this open call is approximately US$13 million.

The Fund will explore scaling/adapting existing solutions and developing new technologies, using tools such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, blockchain, virtual reality and other innovative solutions that have the potential to enhance detection and response to online child sexual exploitation and abuse and prevent known and emerging threats.

Funding is not necessarily limited to the above. They are interested in solutions that apply technology in innovative, groundbreaking ways that are scalable and globally applicable, enhancing the capacity of all stakeholders to address online CSEA and make children safe online.

**Objectives**

The Fund is looking for solutions that can help achieve one or more of the four specific objectives below:

- Detect, remove and report images, videos with sexual content involving children and adolescents (often referred to as child sexual abuse material, or CSAM)
- Block adults’ access to children on digital platforms intended to sexually abuse them (usually referred to as online sexual grooming or solicitation)
- Stop live-streaming of child sexual abuse performed in front of a camera (usually referred to as live-streaming of CSEA)
- Prevent online sexual abuse of children before it happens, including prevention and solutions that directly target online child sexual offenders and adults with a sexual interest in children

**General Criteria**

The End Violence Fund invites nonprofit organizations (CSOs, NGOs, international organizations, research institutes and academic institutions) and private companies to respond to this Expression of Interest (EoI).
Please note that most of the available funds (~US$10 million) aim to support solutions which will benefit countries eligible for ODA (Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tokelau, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, China (People’s Republic of), Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Grenada, Guyana, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Montserrat, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, North Macedonia, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Venezuela, Wallis and Futuna). The remaining funds (~US$3 million) are not subject to this restriction and can support work in non-ODA countries.

Funding Modality

The 2019 End Violence Open Call funding will be available through two modalities:

- **Project grants**
  - Funding Focus: Strengthen the use, adaptation and scale-up of existing technology solutions
  - Total funds available: Up to $12 million
  - Who can apply: NGOs, CSOs, academic institutions, research institutes and international organizations
  - Max duration: 2 years
  - Allocation amount: Up to $750,000

- **Equity-free seed investments**
  - Funding Focus: Design and test new technology solutions
  - Total funds available: Up to $1 million
  - Who can apply: Private companies
  - Max duration: 2 years
Under the 2019 Open Call, eligible submissions to this Request for Expressions of Interest will be invited to submit a full project proposal under one of two funding modalities, as follows:

- In the case of funding modality A, and upon rigorous assessment of the full project proposal, the successful proposal will result in signing of a Grant Confirmation Letter for a period of up to two years and up to US$750,000; and
- In the case of funding modality B, and upon rigorous assessment of the full project proposal, the successful proposal will result in signing of an institutional corporate contract with the successful vendor for a period of up to two years and up to US$250,000.

Considerations of Expressions of Interest with solutions that require more funding than the indicated amount will be considered by the Fund at its sole discretion and only if this is in the best interests of achieving the goals of the funding round.

Eligibility Criteria

End Violence Fund is looking to provide project grants to nonprofits and investment-style, equity-free seed funding to private companies. Only entities that fulfill these mandatory requirements will be considered eligible:

- legally registered entity, either as nonprofit or private company
- the tech solution addresses one or more of the four objectives of the 2019 Open Call
- organization has a safeguarding policy in place (including data privacy) or is willing to develop a policy *
- the proposed solution responds to a clear need/gap, does not duplicate existing tools, and builds upon and/or interacts with existing solutions
- at minimum, an existing prototype of the open source solution with promising results from initial pilots

* The Partnership is committed to supporting organizations to improve their safeguarding capacity and practice. As part of this, the fund asks all grantees to complete the Grantee Self-assessment, which can be found on the materials sidebar. While this is not required as part of expression of interest, please note all shortlisted organizations and companies will be expected to complete this as part of the proposal.

How to Apply

- Applicants should submit their expressions of interest online via given website.
- All submissions must be made in English.

For more information, please visit End Violence Fund.
An Opportunity for Grassroots Conservationists from Locally Incorporated NGOs to Win £40,000 GBP

**Deadline:** 31 October 2019

Are you a dynamic conservation leader or do you know of one? If yes, then apply now for Whitley Award 2020!

Every year, The Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) offers annual Whitley Awards to effective grassroots conservationists working across the Global South. These awards are both an international profile prize and a form of project funding.

Whitley Awards are for dynamic mid-career conservationists who are leading wildlife conservation projects in developing countries. Winners tend to be nationals of the country in which they are working, and are looking to scale up work that is proven to be effective and would benefit from further funding and profile boost. To be eligible, projects must involve local communities at the grassroots level and deliver practical action that is founded on science.

**Objectives**

- Find, recognize and fund proven grassroots conservation leaders in resource-poor, biodiversity-rich countries.
- Champion and repeat fund the most effective winners.
- Support the replication and growth of effective conservation solutions.
- Raise awareness of the work of winners and spread the message that we can all make a difference to the conservation of wildlife and wild places.

**Funding Information**

Whitley Awards are worth £40,000 GBP in funding to be spent on projects over one year.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- **Not High Income Economy countries** – Wildlife conservation projects led by local leaders based in countries that are not defined as a High Income Economy by the World Bank. Exceptions to this criterion
- **Nationals with local support** – a key focus of the Whitley Award is to boost the profile of leaders who are nationals of the country in which they are working. There are some exceptions, for example, long term residency (15+ years) or commitment to country/region/building capacity of local team members for future leadership.
WFN seeks grassroots conservationists from locally incorporated NGOs in biodiversity-rich developing countries, rather than in-country staff employed by NGOs headquartered in developed countries.

**Good communicators and passionate leaders** – people who will inspire others and importantly, who will collaborate and share results. Please note applicants must be able to communicate in English.

**Leadership and teamwork** – Whitley Awards are won by individuals backed by an appropriate team/organization. Individuals working in isolation and team/joint entries are not eligible.

Projects that are **based on scientific evidence** and understanding – this can be in the leader, expertise on the team, or via partners/collaboration.

**Work involving (and benefitting) the local community** and stakeholders is essential.

**Ecosystem / landscape level projects** are preferred. Genuine flagships are great, but not if results are purely species-specific.

Projects must be able to **demonstrate evidence of success**. We do not generally fund pilot projects or work that is at the start-up stage.

**Grassroots, pragmatic work that is realistic, but ambitious too.** WFN looks for applicants on the cusp of ‘something big’ and work that is replicable or scalable.

Actions that will have clear, **measurable outcomes** – WFN looks for applications that have given careful thought to what indicators can be measured to evidence impact.

**Sustainable projects** – we want the work to continue into the future, well past the Whitley Award. Successful proposals will demonstrate long-term planning.

Projects that demonstrate **value for money** and the ability to **manage funding** at the Whitley Award level (£40,000). Organizations with Audited Accounts are preferred.

Projects for which an Award will make a **big difference**. Priority will be given to those that can demonstrate need.

**Work that needs publicity** – ones that will do well if ‘doors can be opened’ via the media and enhanced recognition.

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**How to Apply**

Interested applicants must download the application form via the given website.

For more information, please visit [Whitley Awards 2020](#).
Gates Foundation’s GCE on “Innovations for Improving the Impact of Health Campaigns”

**Deadline:** 13 November 2019

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is currently accepting proposals for the Round 24 of the Grand Challenges Exploration on the topic of “Innovations for Improving the Impact of Health Campaigns”.

The Foundation is seeking innovative solutions that accelerate the improvement of coverage, reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of health campaigns. The Foundation is looking for innovations in approaches, practices, or tools that dramatically improve the planning and microplanning, implementation / operations, and monitoring and evaluation that will lead to improved effectiveness of campaigns.

In order to contribute to the development and spread of campaign "best practices", a solution should be applicable to campaigns beyond the context in which it is originally tested (e.g. applicable in multiple lower- to middle-income countries and/or applicable across multiple types of health campaigns such as immunization, NTDs, malaria, or nutrition).

The Foundation is especially interested in novel approaches that draw on innovation from large-scale delivery models outside of the health sector, which may include interventions used in the private sector.

**Successful proposals should consider the following phases of campaign delivery:**

- **Planning and microplanning:** This includes the planning processes - led by governments and often supported by partners - at the national, sub-national, facility, or community levels. Overall planning supports the mobilization of information and resources needed to conduct the campaign, and microplanning specifically addresses the detailed, delivery-level planning required to reach intended populations with the health intervention. Innovations might include/consider:
  - Modeling and analytics to test, identify, and recommend more effective implementation approaches (e.g. modeling to identify optimal location of campaign fixed sites and outreach posts in order to improve community access).
  - Novel or nontraditional information or data sources to improve the accuracy of planning (e.g. geospatial data to improve population estimation or location and more accurately plan for and target campaign delivery).
  - Technologies for developing and using community maps or populations that can help campaigns to better reach their intended age groups or sub-populations.
Interactive or adaptive microplans that better incorporate past or real-time data (e.g. based on prior campaign performance or operational monitoring data) to guide planning and implementation.

Increased automation of microplans (e.g. updating, adapting microplans for other platforms).

**Implementation / operations:** Improvement in this area may encompass all aspects of campaign operations, ranging from logistics management, identification and reach of target populations, delivery of interventions, management of human resources (including payments, incentives, and training), data collection & analysis, and supervision. Innovations might include/consider:

- Novel approaches to leverage data, maps, or other information or data to better identify and reach high-risk or unreached (e.g. "zero dose") populations.
- Approaches to delivering campaigns in a way that prioritize high-risk or vulnerable populations.
- Leveraging of novel partnerships such as linking with other disease control programs, community initiatives, or religious or traditional structure that may improve campaign outcomes.
- Use of innovative technologies to support logistics management, campaign supervision, data collection and use.

**Monitoring and evaluation:** Campaigns rely on monitoring and evaluation both during and after the campaign to understand campaign performance, identify populations that require post-campaign mop-up or targeting, to inform post-campaign improvement activities and routine system strengthening and identify lessons learned. Additionally, although M&E has not been used to systematically test and identify promising or best practices that may be replicated across geographies or campaign types, there is an opportunity to improve the use of iterative testing or operations research to identify best practices. Innovations might include/consider:

- Novel approaches to understanding the effectiveness of campaign planning and implementation while campaigns are ongoing or during post-campaign evaluations.
- Approaches for measuring and incorporating real time process, quality, and coverage improvement during campaigns.
- Methods of identifying, testing, and disseminating lessons learned and promising or best practices.

**Award Information**

Awards of $100,000 USD are made in Phase I. Phase I awardees may have one opportunity to apply for a follow-on Phase II award of up to $1,000,000 USD.
Eligibility Criteria

GCE is open to both foreign and domestic organizations, including non-profit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions.

Criteria for success include solutions that:

- Are transformative, novel, or innovative. These interventions will significantly change the way in which campaigns are planned, conducted, or evaluated by proposing new ways of working, leveraging lessons from other sectors, or increasing transparency and effectiveness.
- Could be used by various health campaigns beyond the campaign in which the innovation is originally conceptualized or tested, such as for immunization (measles, yellow fever, meningitis, etc.), neglected tropical diseases (trachoma, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis etc.), nutrition (vitamin A, deworming), malaria (bed net distribution, seasonal malaria chemoprophylaxis), and polio.
- Could be used in various low- and middle-income countries beyond the country in which the innovation is originally conceptualized or tested.
- Can be designed, tested, and scaled as a "best practice".
- Can be applied in low- and middle-income countries.
- Are cost effective.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can apply online via the given website.

For more information, please visit Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation to Improve the Production and Distribution of Food

**Deadline:** 1 January 2020

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation is seeking applications to protect natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and promote public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

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

**Priority Areas**

- **Conservation**
  - Conservation grants help improve ecological and environmental conditions in low- and middle-income countries. The foundation supports field research and related research activities, training, and technical assistance efforts that:
    - help conserve ecosystems and protect biodiversity
    - train local leaders in conservation and protection of resources, with an emphasis on technical and scientific training

- **Food**
  - Food grants help research-based efforts to improve food and nutrition security and improve natural resources and ecosystems. Areas of interest include projects that:
    - promote or develop specific sustainable agriculture practices with potential to advance science and practice in other countries;
    - test and refine innovative education and training interventions for small scale farmers; and
    - advance new approaches to control pests and diseases affecting important food crops in low-income countries.

- **Health**
  - The foundation supports public health programs that focus on populations rather than individuals. It funds programs that emphasize disease prevention and health promotion over those that emphasize disease diagnosis, treatment, and care. It supports research, technical assistance, and training projects that:
• improve public health through community-based efforts that address health promotion, disease prevention, family planning, and reproductive health; and
• increase the understanding and treatment of neglected tropical diseases

Funding Information

• The average grant is approximately $20,000.
• Grants exceeding $30,000 are rarely awarded.

Eligibility Criteria

• The foundation supports most types of non-governmental organizations that can provide evidence of their nongovernmental status or charitable purpose.
• In general, the foundation will support:
  o Non-governmental organizations (NGO)
  o Nonprofit organizations
  o Civil society organizations
  o Community-based organizations
  o Colleges, universities and academic institutions
• The foundation does not support businesses, government agencies, humanitarian aid organizations, other foundations or churches.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit Conservation, Food and Health Foundation.
Apply for $50,000 Food Security and Nutrition Micro Grants

**Deadline**: 31 October 2019

The Implementer-Led Design, Evidence, Analysis and Learning (IDEAL) Activity has announced the first Request for Applications (RFA) through its Small Grants Program.

The purpose of this request for applications (RFA) is to solicit applications that support the development of tools and topic-specific learning events to strengthen the capacity of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Food for Peace (FFP) grantees, and the broader food and nutrition security implementing partner community.

IDEAL is a five-year USAID FFP funded activity that aims to address knowledge and capacity gaps expressed by the food and nutrition security implementing community. The goal of IDEAL is to strengthen food and nutrition security among FFP-target populations through promotion of systems-level approaches to improve the design, implementation and overall effectiveness of emergency and development food and nutrition security activities. It seeks to achieve this through four pathways: (A) capacity strengthening; (B) peer-to-peer learning; (C) small grants program (SGP); and (D) stakeholder consultations.

**Objective**

The objective of this RFA is to solicit applications from food and nutrition security practitioners to support the development of products and tools, conduct events, and implement practical activities to improve the quality of food and nutrition security programming among FFP-target populations. Successful Micro Grant applications will align with IDEAL’s content focus areas, the FFP Learning Agenda and identified gaps and needs expressed by implementing partners.

This RFA is not intended to solicit applications for research work done by Development Food Security Activities (DFSAs) during the Refine and Implement (R&I) period.

**Content Focus Areas for IDEAL**

- Strengthening the quality and impact of emergency programming
- Data collection and analysis for improved program design and impact
- Adaptive management and application of learning
- Integrated activity design and implementation
- Sustainability and planning for exit
- Social and behavior change
- Equity, empowerment, social cohesion and social accountability
Funding Information

Final funding levels for each award will depend on content, relevance, quality, number of applications received, needs, and competing priorities, with a ceiling of $50,000 US Dollars, subject to availability of funds.

Duration of Micro Grant Award

The duration of an award under this RFA may be up to 12 months from the date of the award. IDEAL, Save the Children Federation, and/or USAID reserves the right to cancel this RFA at any time.

Eligible Applicants

- Prime applicants may be U.S. and non-U.S. nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), for-profit organizations, or institutions of higher education that can contribute to IDEAL’s strategic objective of promoting systems-level approaches to improving the design, implementation and overall effectiveness of emergency and development food and nutrition security activities.
- Experience with USAID or FFP funding is not required to apply.
- Applications by for-profit organizations cannot include profit in the proposed budget.
- IDEAL will not accept applications from individuals. All applicants must be legally recognized organizational entities under applicable law. Applicants must comply with all applicable Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM). Applicants are not required to have a DUNS number at the time of application but must have a DUNS number at the time of the award. Hence, applicants should be in the process of receiving a DUNS number to avoid any delays in the award process.
- Applicants must have completed all required steps (if any) with the host government to legally operate their program by the time of award.

The following are not eligible to apply for grants under this RFA:

- Individuals
- Government entities, including ministries
- Multilateral organizations
- Firms operating as commercial companies or other organizations (including nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations) that are wholly or partially owned by foreign governments or agencies.
How to Apply

Application packages (to include application, budget narrative and detailed budget) must be submitted electronically at the address given on the website.


For more, please visit IDEAL.
Call for Proposals 2019 addressing Labour Market Issues in Low-Income Countries

**Deadline:** 11 November 2019

The IZA/DFID Programme on Gender, Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries (G²LM|LIC) has announced a call for proposals with an aim at building a significant new body of evidence on gender, growth, and labour markets to help shape gender and labour market policies in low-income countries.

The IZA/DFID Programme on Gender, Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries (G²LM|LIC) marks the extension of the successful IZA/DFID cooperation, which started as the Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries (GLM|LIC) programme in 2011.

Capacity building through involvement of researchers from low-income countries is strongly encouraged.

**Research Themes**

The call covers 5 wide-ranging research themes:

- Theme 1: Facts about gender, jobs, and poverty
- Theme 2: Fertility and labour markets
- Theme 3: Barriers to gender parity
- Theme 4: The future of work: automation, urbanization and the environment
- Theme 5: Policies and welfare: costs and benefits of gender parity

**Types of Grant**

Two types of research grants will be offered:

- **Large-scale research grants** for experienced researchers based in institutions and organizations from all over the world to fund big research projects in LICs. In this round, they expect to fund around 10 large projects with a total budget of about 3 million Euros.
- **Small research grants** mainly targeting junior researchers (PhD students or researchers who have less than five years of work/research experience past the PhD) based in institutions and organizations from all over the world, as well as senior or junior researchers based in institutions and organizations in LICs. In this round, they plan to fund 3-6 small research projects with a maximum value of 30,000 Euros each.
How to Apply

To start the application process, applicants need to register for the Electronic Application Portal (EAP) given on the website.

For more information, please visit G²LM|LIC.
Funding for Public-private Partnerships with Innovative Projects

**Deadline:** 18 October 2019

2020 P4G Partnership Fund is seeking applications to offer financial support and targeted assistance to select public-private partnerships that are advancing innovative strategies to achieve the following five UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 2 Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture
- SDG 6 Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7 Clean Energy
- SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production (circular economy)

P4G will provide funding only to partnerships in the start-up and scale-up phases of development and growth:

- **Start-up:** Promising, early-stage partnerships that need support to consolidate the partnership or test the feasibility of innovative approaches.
- **Scale-up:** Partnerships that are already engaged in promising, business-driven green growth innovations and need support to scale up and accelerate their impact.

**Funding Information**

Partnerships in the start-up phase may apply for up to USD 100,000. P4G funding should represent a maximum of 75 percent of the partnership’s budget. Partnerships in the scale-up phase may apply for up to USD 1 million, with P4G funding a maximum of 50 percent of the partnership’s budget. P4G funding is for a period of one to two years (12 - 24 months), depending on the needs of the partnership.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- **Primary SDG Focus:** Partnership activities must focus on one or more of P4G’s five target SDGs: Zero Hunger (2); Clean Water and Sanitation (6); Affordable and Clean Energy (7); Sustainable Cities and Communities (11); Responsible Consumption and Production (12).
- **Start-up or Scale-up:** Partnerships must be in either the start-up or the scale-up phase of development. P4G does not support partnerships in the idea generation phase (including concept, research and development, or pilot phase), or in the implementation phase between start-up and scaling.
• **Country Focus: Start**-up partnership activities must benefit one or more of the P4G partner countries that are eligible for P4G funding: Bangladesh, Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, and Vietnam. P4G has a strong preference for scale-up partnerships whose activities benefit these countries, as well, but will also consider exceptional scale-up partnership applications that benefit other ODA-eligible developing countries.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Partnerships that meet the eligibility criteria above will be evaluated and ranked based on the following eight criteria:

• **Market Need:** The extent to which the partnership is addressing a significant gap in the market.
  - To what extent has the partnership identified a viable target market?
  - How clearly has the partnership described the key issues, problems or barriers that prevent a commercially viable solution aligned with the relevant SDGs from entering the marketplace?

• **Goals:** The extent to which the partnership goals are relevant and impactful.
  - How relevant are the goals and sub-goals to both the problem and the suggested solutions?
  - How clear and consistent are the goals?
  - To what extent will achieving the partnership’s goals lead to positive, measurable progress toward the relevant SDGs?

• **Effectiveness of the Model:** The likelihood that the proposed model/approach can deliver a commercially viable solution aligned with the relevant SDGs, and the strength of the strategy to grow and replicate that model.
  - To what extent is the model innovative (see definition below) while also having an approach that seems feasible? For financial instruments: how realistic and sound are the instruments and structures?
  - How likely is the partnership’s model/approach to lower the market barriers that the partnership has identified?
  - How likely is it that the identified model/approach will deliver a commercially viable solution within the marketplace?
  - How strong is the model and the partnership’s strategy and ability to grow, replicate, and scale?

• **Work Plan and Implementation Strategy:** The likelihood that the workplan will produce the identified goals.
  - How likely are the identified workplan activities to produce the identified goals?
• How reasonable is the timeline for completing the activities and achieving the goals and deliverables in the workplan?
• Budget and Financial Plan: The level of sustainability of the partnership’s funding model.
  - How well is the budget aligned to the workplan and timeline?
  - How reasonable is the budget for accomplishing the desired results?
• For pre-commercial ventures: how realistic is the plan to get to commercial operation, or to directly enable significant commercial investment?
  - For commercial ventures: how realistic and viable are the potential future revenue streams?
• Partners’ Capability: The strength of the partners’ capacity to execute the proposed model/approach.
  - What is the partners’ experience in implementing change in the relevant sector, market segment, and geography?
  - Does the partnership’s structure and history/precedent indicate that they can function effectively as a collective and execute on plans?
• Value Add of P4G:
  - To what extent would P4G acceleration and funding help this partnership to achieve its goals? (Note: this may include the partnership’s alignment with existing P4G partnership themes and partner country priorities.)
• Risk: The thoroughness of the risk evaluation and the strength of the risk mitigation plan
  - How thoroughly defined and comprehensive are the risks in the following areas:
    ▪ Human capital
    ▪ Technological
    ▪ Process
    ▪ Political
    ▪ Legal
    ▪ Economic
  - Do the risk mitigation measures defined by the partnership provide reasonable assurance that the relevant risks are manageable?

**How to Apply**

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit [P4G Partnership Fund](http://www.p4g.org).
DCF inviting Applicants for Inspiring Action Grant 2020

**Deadline:** 18 October 2019

Applications are now open for the Disney Conservation Fund (DCF) which is committed to saving wildlife, inspiring action and protecting the planet.

The Disney Conservation Fund pairs philanthropic grants with contributions of expertise from many Disney’s Animals, Science and Environment professionals and other employees who work together to make an impact for people, wildlife and wild places.

**Priorities**

The Disney Conservation Fund gives priority consideration to holistic programs addressing a significant conservation need (or projects that are part of a program) which reflect:

- Education and community engagement, including measuring results
- Sustainable development programs directly connected to protecting species and habitats
- Scientific field studies on species and habitats (the Disney Conservation Fund does not fund ex-situ projects/project components)
- Although the fund recognizes that basic science is a critical first step in conservation initiatives, preference is given to projects where there is a significant conservation action component

**Geographic Areas**

The Disney Conservation Fund supports programs and projects around the world, and has supported programs in 120 different countries to date. The fund also seeks to support projects taking place in areas where Disney has a significant business focus, including the regions below:

- **Africa:** Egypt, South Africa.
- **Asia:** Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Vietnam.
- **Central/South America:** Antigua, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Galapagos Islands, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.
- **Europe/Middle East/Australia:** Albania, Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Jordan, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg,
Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

- **Marine:** Australia, Indo-Pacific, U.S. Pacific (Alaska, California, Hawaii), Western Atlantic, Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Eastern Gulf of Mexico (especially in/near Florida), Grenada, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, St. Maarten, St. Thomas.

- **North America:**
  - Mexico
  - Canada: Alberta, British Columbia (Vancouver), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

**Eligibility Criteria**

- The fund encourages scientists, students and institutions to work with nonprofit organizations to apply.
- Only charitable organizations may apply.
- Non-US charity organizations without US 501(c)(3) nonprofit status may apply directly.

**How to Apply**

Organizations interested in applying for an Inspiring Action Grant should submit an inquiry form online via given website (an invitation code is not required for this step). Projects that are a strong fit for DCF criteria will be provided with additional details to submit a full application. Inquiries will be reviewed through December 2019.

For more information, please visit [Disney Conservation Fund](https://www.disneyconservationfund.org).
Reforestation Grants to Support Communities in Regaining Ecological Integrity and Enhancing Human Wellbeing

**Deadline:** 25 November 2019

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has announced a Reforestation Grants program to support communities in regaining ecological integrity and enhancing human wellbeing in deforested and degraded landscapes through forest restoration.

EFN is looking for organizations that will use this workshop opportunity to connect corridors, create buffer zones, improve degraded lands, restore watersheds, and expand forest cover while also allowing local stakeholders to connect with nature and become a vested part of a larger conservation program.

**Funding Information**

A detailed project budget (not exceeding USD$15,000).

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for a Reforestation Grant, an organization must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant's organization must be legally registered in an eligible country.
- Applicant's organization must have a bank account.
- Applicant's organization must conduct reforestation/restoration activities in a WWF-US priority area.
- Applicant's organization must submit all required documents by the application deadline.
- Applicant's organization must complete all grant activities (including planting) before August 31, 2020.
- The proposed project must include an active learning, practical skill component, or field-based learning activity that builds skills and knowledge for local stakeholders as part of the project activities.
- Priority is given to local organizations that:
  - Plant large numbers of trees (8,000+)
  - Conduct cost effective, native tree planting activities
  - Focus on wildlife and WWF priority species (including tigers, forest elephants, and sloths)
How to Apply

Applicants can apply online via given website.

**Eligible Countries:** Amazon and Tropical Andes (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname), Borneo and Sumatra (Indonesia), Coastal East Africa (Kenya, Mozambique), Congo Basin (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Dem. Republic of Congo, Gabon, Republic of Congo), Eastern Himalayas (Bhutan, Nepal), Greater Mekong (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam), Madagascar, Malaysia, Mesoamerican Reef (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras), Namibia, Uganda

For more information, please visit [Reforestation Grants](#).
An Opportunity for Mid-career Conservationists to Upgrade Knowledge and Skills

Deadline: 1 November 2019

World Wild Fund (WWF) has announced a Professional Development Grants (PDGs) to provide support for mid-career conservationists to pursue short-term, non-degree training to upgrade their knowledge and skills. These trainings can include short courses, certificate trainings, or conferences among other training opportunities.

PDGs support training-related costs, including registration fees and tuition, meals and accommodations, books and materials, international travel, visa fees, and local transportation.

Funding Information

Applicants can request up to $6,500.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered for a grant.
- Applicants must be a citizen of an eligible country.
- Applicants must currently be living and working in applicant’s home country.
- Applicants must have at least three years of paid work experience in a conservation-related field in applicant’s home country.
- Applicants must have applied to or already be accepted to participate in the proposed training at the time applicants submit their application.
- Applicant’s current work and proposed training must help advance conservation in their home country.
- Applicants must not be enrolled in an academic degree program.
- Applicants must have approval from applicant’s employer to participate in the proposed training and the promise of continued employment.
- Applicants must have a bank account in applicants own name that can receive US dollars and international wire transfers.
- Applicants must not have received funding from EFN in the past. Previous PDG recipients may be eligible for Alumni Grants.
- The proposed training must take place at least 90 days after the application deadline.
- Applicants must submit all required documents by the application deadline.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit [World Wild Fund](http://www.worldwildfund.org).
A Chance for Caribbean Nationals to Win 4,000 EUROS in Seed Funding

**Deadline:** 15 October 2019

Are you a Caribbean national between the ages of 18 – 34 years, with an innovative water-related project idea? Then enter the GWP-Caribbean’s “Young Caribbean Water Entrepreneurs Shark Tank Competition”.

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) has for many years, recognized the critical importance of creating avenues for young people to become involved in water governance and management ventures. Development challenges in the Caribbean will ultimately be inherited by the region’s youth. Young people are providers of solutions and have ideas and energy to act for sustainable development.

**Themes**

GWP-C’s Young Caribbean Water Entrepreneurs Shark Tank Competition seeks to provide a unique opportunity for young persons from the Caribbean between the ages of 18 to 34 years, to pitch innovative and impactful water project ideas to support better water resources management in their community, country or the Caribbean region under the themes:

- Water and Climate
- Water and Agriculture
- Water and Health
- Water and Energy
- Water and Tourism

Participants will have the opportunity to pitch their ideas directly to investors (sharks) for a chance to secure seed funding of 4,000 Euros, to advance their innovative water-related project idea. The competition’s sharks will include a mix of investors, such as GWP-C Partners, entrepreneurs, water and environmental specialists, innovation strategists, business development specialists, youth representatives, government officials and more.

**The Sharks/Judges**

There will be two (2) groups of “sharks” or judges in the competition. The sharks/judges will include a mix of professionals (including GWP-C Partners, strategic allies, development partners and other organizations). The competition’s sharks will comprise of:

- Private Investors
- Investment Entities
• Caribbean Water Specialists
• Entrepreneurs
• Innovation Strategists
• Business Development Specialists
• Youth Representatives
• Marketing Specialists
• Government Officials
• Water and Environmental Specialists and more

Award Information

• All entrants in the competition will receive a certificate of participation to recognize their efforts and interest in water sustainability. The competition’s seven (7) finalists will each receive a personalized plaque.
• The winner of the competition will receive a special plaque and seed funding of 4,000 Euros to further develop their innovative water project idea. The winner of the competition and the other finalists will also have their projects featured on the Youth for Water and Climate (YWC) platform for additional exposure.

Eligibility Criteria

• Caribbean or Caribbean Community (CARICOM) nationals between the ages of 18 – 34 years with innovative water projects focused on advancing better water resources management in the Caribbean (community, national or regional level).
• Entrants in the competition must be nationals of the following countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Entry Requirements

Phase 1: The Application

To enter, applicants must:

• Submit a completed project proposal using the template.
• Submit a 2 – 3 minute video (this can be filmed on a mobile phone) pitching to camera.
• All applications (proposal and video pitch) must be in English. Entrants must submit their project proposal and 2 – 3 minute video pitch via e-mail to the address given on the website.

Please note that a maximum of two (2) persons can apply together on a submission.

Phase 2: Review of Applications (Project Proposal and Video Pitch)

All submissions (project proposal and video pitch) will be reviewed by the competition’s first group of sharks. These sharks will be different from those in the final round of the competition. The best seven (7) submissions (proposal and video) will be selected to advance to the final stage of the competition. Each of the seven (7) finalists will receive feedback, critiques and advice on their submissions to prepare for their final pitch to the second group of sharks. Proposals and pitches in this phase of the competition will be assessed based on various areas (but not limited to):

• Innovation
• Water Resources Management Relevance
• Practicality of Implementation
• Projected Impact
• Financial Feasibility
• Project Sustainability
• Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships
• Business/Industry Analysis
• Market Research
• Competitive Analysis

Phase 3 (Final Stage): The Pitch

Seven (7) finalists will compete for the prize of 4,000 Euros and will be invited to pitch their water project idea to a group of sharks. These sharks will be different from the first group that reviewed competitors’ submissions. Finalists will be provided with relevant guidelines/criteria three (3) weeks in advance of their final pitch to the sharks. The pitches to the panel of sharks will take place virtually.

For more information, please visit Shark Tank Competition.
Arab Startup Competition accepting Applications for 13th Edition

**Deadline:** 10 December 2019

Applications are now open for 13th edition of the MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Startup Competition (ASC) which is a yearly competition initiated by the MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab since 2006.

The winning teams are awarded 160K USD in equity free fund and benefit from a range of other activities including top tier trainings, mentorship, coaching, media exposure and great networking opportunities.

**Tracks**

- Startups Track
- Ideas Track
- Social Entrepreneurship Track

**Prize Information**

- **Startups Track**
  - 50,000 USD
  - 10,000 USD
  - 5,000 USD
- **Ideas Track**
  - 15,000 USD
  - 10,000 USD
  - 5,000 USD
- **Social Entrepreneurship Track**
  - 50,000 USD
  - 10,000 USD
  - 5,000 USD

**Eligibility Criteria**

- **Startups Track**
  - At least two members
  - Working product/service, traction and sales
  - Generating revenues
  - Have not raised funding above 1,500,000 USD
  - Legally registered / operating in an Arab country
- **Ideas Track**
  - At least two members
  - Proof of concept & prototype
  - Validated business model & clear plan to grow
  - Has a mentor/industry Expert
  - Should be in Tech or Digital industry

- **Social Entrepreneurship Track**
  - At least two members
  - Working product/service, traction and sales
  - Generating revenues
  - Have not raised funding above 1,500,000 USD
  - Legally registered / operating in an Arab country
  - Should be in Tech or Digital industry
  - Addressing a social challenge

**Judging Process**

Applications are accepted in English, French, and Arabic:

- Each application is graded by at least 2 different judges. Judges place more importance on certain criteria, depending on the track applicants.
- 20 semifinalists’ teams are selected for second round of the Ideas track/Social Entrepreneurship Track and 30 semifinalists teams are selected for second round of the Startups Track. These teams will have scored the highest average score on their application forms
- MITEF Pan Arab reserves the right to modify the number of selected teams
- The semifinalists teams must work on and submit certain deliverables that will be communicated with them in due time prior to the workshop and conference. The semifinalist’s teams must also sign the “engagement letter” form. All members whose names are mentioned as part of the team must sign the form.
- Qualified teams are not required to pay a participation fee for any of the workshop or conference. Each of the participants is expected to pay for their own flight ticket to the final event. The MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab will be paying all other expenses for up to two members per team, including accommodation, lunch and coffee breaks, ground transportation to and from the event venue. Other members attending the event can benefit from their special rates
How to Apply

Applicants must apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit Arab Startup Competition.
An Opportunity to carry-out Research on SRHR and Infectious Diseases of Poverty in the Americas

Deadline: 13 October 2019

The Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP); the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR); in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for the Americas - the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Centro de Pesquisas em Saúde Reprodutiva de Campinas (CEMICAMP) have announced the Call for Applications for small research grants with the purpose of strengthening local research capacity and evidence generation.

Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) is a significant public health need in all communities, especially so for those exposed to complex social, economic or political situations. Migrants may have limited access to SRH and may face specific threats to their reproductive health and rights.

The research proposals supported by this call should focus on implementation research, applying adequate methods within the range of quantitative and qualitative methods, and including innovative solutions (e.g., digital health, artificial intelligence).

Priority Areas

- Studies on availability, response, and access to SRHR and infectious diseases services during mass migration situations from the perspective of community members, policymakers, programme managers, healthcare service providers, and health systems, and including response to sexual and gender-based violence and comprehensive abortion care. This includes also innovative responses such as the use of information technology or artificial intelligence or digital health.
- Studies on perceptions, behaviors, unmet needs, or characteristics of populations and outcomes related to SRHR during mass migration situations with a focus on specific populations (such as women and adolescent girls, and including men and adolescent boys, sex workers, indigenous populations and other minorities) and situations (such as sexual and gender-based violence).
- Studies on implementation of sexual, reproductive health and infectious diseases services, implementation of existing guidance, innovative approaches to service provision during mass migration situations including research at the facility or community level.
- Studies on infectious disease outbreaks related to supply and demand side of sexual and reproductive health services, as described above.
Funding Information

- They are expecting to support between 12-18 projects to be executed within 12 months with a total budget of USD 435,000.
- The size of the budget for each grant will be based on the scope and focus of research proposals (approximate budget per project: USD 20,000-40,000). Co-funding from domestic or other sources is encouraged.
- The proposal should be accompanied by a detailed and itemized budget as part of the application form. Salary of the Principal Investigator, overhead and administrative costs and travel costs that are not essential for the implementation of the project are not eligible items of the budget.
- The beneficiary institution will be required to have a finance manager or accountant to handle the funds.

Eligibility Criteria

- Researchers working in institutions in low- and middle-countries in the Americas region that is experiencing mass influx of migrants including women and adolescent girls are eligible to apply.
- This includes researchers working in embedded programs within ministries of health, academic institutions, research institutions, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Links with relevant decision-makers to ensure support of research and sustainability of policy recommendations are essential.
- Applications from institutions not located in the affected regions or located in high-income countries will not be accepted.
- Eligible teams will be led by qualified researchers with proven research experience as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals, and should include female researchers, ideally as PIs or coPIs, as well as young researchers (masters and doctoral students, and/or postdocs).
- The grant will be awarded to the beneficiary institution where the researcher(s) are based, which must be in an affected region of a country in the Americas.
- Linkages with institutions in other countries or regions within the country are highly encouraged (even in high-income countries); however, since a big focus of this call is to strengthen research capacity PIs and co-PIs should be part of the local institution applying for the grant. No grants will be awarded to individual researchers and/or research teams that are not linked to a research institution (as described above).
Selection Process

- Proposals will be selected through a competitive process based on a peer-review focused on scientific merit, relevance, innovation, potential for capacity strengthening for the institution and feasibility of the project.
- If the proposal is selected for funding and the research involves human subjects, ethical clearances will be required from:
  - the designated institutional and/or national ethical committee (as applicable)
  - the Pan American Health Organization Ethical Review Committee (PAHO-ERC)

How to Apply

All proposals should be submitted by email using the application form available on the given website. Applications can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese.

For more information, please visit WHO.
2020 Future Conservationist Award: Receive Up to US$15,000

**Deadline:** 24 November 2019

The Conservation Leadership Programme is now inviting applications for its 2020 Future Conservationist Award to support projects in low and middle income countries and some high income islands in the Caribbean and Pacific.

Funding will support early-career conservationists to conduct scientific research, encourage and promote pro-conservation attitudes and deliver tangible results to better conserve and manage the natural world.

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a training and capacity building programme that targets individuals from developing countries who are early in their conservation career and demonstrate leadership potential.

Since 1985, CLP has supported and encouraged thousands of individuals who are early in their conservation career and are aiming to address global conservation priorities at a local level. CLP has been an important stepping stone for many individuals and has helped to facilitate the discovery of species new to science, the designation of new protected areas, knowledge sharing and collaboration, and the creation of mechanisms for long-term conservation, such as the establishment of local non-governmental organizations and creation of conservation policy and action plans.

**Award Information**

CLP offers Future Conservationist Awards of up to US$15,000 each to develop leadership capacity of early career conservationists who want to make a positive difference on the ground.

**CLP Award Criteria**

Applications will be accepted from teams initiating projects that meet the eligibility criteria outlined below. These criteria are designed to ensure that the project builds the capacity of all team members involved, contributes to long-term sustainable conservation achievements, has clearly focused research objectives and builds vital links between local communities, conservationists, NGOs, academic institutions and local governments. Applications are evaluated by CLP staff and partners, and by experts from other relevant organizations.

**Eligible Projects**

- CLP offers support to early-career conservationists living and working in low and middle income economies in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern
and South-eastern Europe and the Middle East. High income Caribbean and Pacific Island economies are eligible.

- The project must be no less than three months and no more than one year in length.
- The total funding request from CLP must not exceed US $15,000 and CLP funding must cover at least 50% of the total project budget.
- The project must focus on globally important species for biodiversity conservation that are at risk. They consider a species to be ‘at risk’ if it is designated as globally threatened (CR, EN, VU) or data deficient (DD) by the IUCN Red List OR if there is information suggesting that urgent conservation action is needed.
- For those projects focusing on multiple species and/or taxonomic groups, at least one species in each taxonomic group being studied must be at risk.
- The project must be for new work rather than the continuation of an ongoing, established project.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project goes beyond academic research being carried out for any team member’s degree.
- Projects that involve laboratory analyses must justify why this work is critical and urgent for conservation.
- The proposal must be written by the applicants themselves.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a CLP Future Conservationist Award, the team and project must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- CLP Awards are for team-based conservation projects – each team must have at least three people.
- 50% or more of the team members must be nationals of the country where the project is taking place.
- Nationals of a country subject to sanctions or trade restrictions imposed by the USA, UK or EU are NOT eligible to participate on a project team.
- The team leader must be a national of the country where the project is taking place. Co-leadership with a non-national will be considered, subject to clear justification.
- All team members must be early-career conservationists with no more than five years of paid work experience in the conservation sector. ‘Paid work experience’ does not include research for a university degree. Individuals who have more than five years of paid work experience in the conservation sector are not eligible for CLP support and should not apply.
- No team member can be a part- or full-time paid employee or contractor with a CLP partner organization, including BirdLife International, Fauna & Flora International and
the Wildlife Conservation Society, at any time from project development through to implementation.

- Any team member volunteering at a CLP partner organization at the time of application and/or project implementation MUST be declared in the application. They also need to explain how the CLP proposal differs from the partner organization’s work.
- Applicants can participate in only one CLP project at a time and in no more than three Future Conservationist Award projects in total, serving as team leader for no more than one Future Conservationist project.

Judging Criteria

Applicant’s project will be evaluated in three areas:

- **Team Capacity Development:**
  - The application clearly demonstrates how the project will build the knowledge, skills and experience of each team member.
  - The team members show a commitment to conservation and potential for leadership as good ambassadors for the work they are doing.
  - The team has the support of experienced advisers.

- **Contribution to Conservation:**
  - The project relates to established conservation priorities and plans (e.g., National Biodiversity Action Plans).
  - The project demonstrates long-term benefits with outcomes that contribute to ongoing local conservation priorities.
  - The project offers measurable benefits to local stakeholders.
  - The project will positively influence stakeholders’ environmental knowledge, attitudes and behavior.

- **Project Feasibility:**
  - The project is realistic in its aims, with the ability and experience of participants suited to the methods, objectives, budget and time frame.
  - The project is cost-effective and shows good value for the money.
  - The project will clearly deliver appropriate outputs – a research report, journal articles, education materials, contribution to a critical conservation need, etc.
  - The project demonstrates wide collaborative support from local communities, local or national institutions, such as NGOs or academic institutions, and relevant governmental organizations.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply download the application form via given website.

For more information, please visit [Conservation Leadership Programme](#).
Culture Resource’s Abbara Program to Support Collective Cultural Work across the Arab Region

Deadline: 11 November 2019

Culture Resource has launched the open call for the sixth round of Abbara program that aims to support collective cultural work, contribute to the development of the cultural sector and address the common challenges of independent cultural work across the Arab region, through enabling independent cultural organizations and groups by offering financial and technical support, networking opportunities and training in cultural management.

The Abbara program was launched in 2011 in response to the sociopolitical events that swept many countries in the Arab region and with the intent to support independent cultural groups and organizations as key actors in the processes of societal transformation.

Program Goals

- To support collective cultural work by training, equipping and guiding independent cultural groups and organizations in the course of their development to help them forge the most successful structures for cultural work within diverse social, political and cultural contexts.
- To contribute to the development of the cultural sector by testing alternative models and approaches to organizational sustainability, in general, and financial sustainability, in particular, with a focus on ensuring the stability and durability of independent cultural groups and organizations.
- To address the common challenges of independent cultural work across the Arab region by creating links between groups and organizations engaged in cultural work in the region to enable them to share learning, exchange expertise and develop mechanisms to support the independent cultural sector.

Benefits

Towards the realization of its goals, the program offers groups and organizations the following types of support:

- **Financial support:** Up to $25,000 in core funding to cover such basic operational costs as administrative staffing expenses, rent and upkeep of premises, running costs and website development. The funding does not cover programs activities. This support component lasts for at least 12 months.
• **Training in cultural management:** Abbara offers two cultural management training workshops supervised by experts in the field and carried out in collaboration with independent cultural organizations from different Arab countries. Abbara’s training component has evolved to include peer learning and address contemporary topics.

• **Technical support:** The areas covered by the technical support are tailored to each organization on the basis of needs assessment conducted after the first workshop.

• **Networking:** The program provides a space for networking through activities organized within the framework of the program itself and that engage many cultural organizations from different parts of the Arab region. It also encourages Abbara’s beneficiary organizations to participate in other Culture Resource programs such as Imkan and Wasl.

**Eligibility Criteria**

• This program is open to independent (non-governmental) artistic and cultural groups/organizations founded and directed by artists and/or cultural actors from an Arab country (regardless of ethnic origin or citizenship status).

• The scope of work of the group/organization should be mainly focused on the Arab region. Arab cultural and artistic groups/organizations abroad may be considered as long as their work serves artistic and cultural production in Arabic.

• Groups that are not officially registered in the country where they operate may be considered as long as they are able to carry out their activities within established legal frameworks.

• The applicant group/organization must demonstrate a clear desire to forge organizational, administrative and legal structures geared to contending with the challenges facing cultural work today.

• The group/organization should have a clear perception of its role in the context of the social, cultural and artistic realities of the environment in which it operates and how it fits together with other groups/organizations in the cultural scene.

• The group/organization must be active in the cultural sector and have a distinctive, dynamic and long-term artistic or cultural vision.

• The applicant must be a small or midsize group/organization and it or its members should have no less than three years work experience in the artistic and cultural domain.

• The group/organization must not be a previous beneficiary of an Abbara grant.
Selection Criteria

A jury of independent professionals with experience in the Arts & Culture field evaluates the applications on the basis of the following set of criteria:

- Future vision, goals and potential impact
  - The group’s/organization’s vision, plan and aims, and the coherence between these elements.
  - The group’s/organization’s role in the context of the social, cultural and artistic realities of its environment and how it fits together with other groups/organizations in the cultural scene.
  - The cultural or service activities performed by the group/organization.
  - Work experience in culture and the arts.

- Organizational structure, capacities and skills
  - Planning: Is it realistic, logical and consistent with the group’s/organization’s vision and ability to evolve?
  - Organizational structure: How is the group/organization structured administratively? Is this commensurate with its size, activities and decision-taking mechanisms?
  - Soundness of financial management and whether it conforms to the principles of clarity and transparency.
  - Partnering and networking: The ability to work collaboratively, build partnerships and/or forge relations with support agencies.

- The reasons for applying to Abbara
  - Are they reasonable and coherent?
  - Do the group’s/organization’s expectations conform to what the program offers?
  - Are the motives consistent with the needs?

How to Apply

Applications must be completed entirely in Arabic, apart from the blanks that require English through the applications platform via given website.

For more information, please visit Culture Resource.
Future for Wildlife Seed Grants to support Field Conservation Projects in Africa & Asia

Deadline: 4 November 2019

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is currently accepting applications for its Future for Wildlife Seed Grants Program which provides funds to support field conservation projects in Africa and Asia.

Focus Areas

Ideal projects have a clear and direct conservation impact, positively affect local people, and create opportunities for capacity building in-country. Projects focusing on the following areas of special interest to the Zoo are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Wildlife protection (anti-poaching, illegal wildlife trade issues, etc.)
- Human wildlife conflict mitigation
- Development and promotion of sustainable environmental practices
- Habitat protection and restoration (terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems)
- Capacity-building (education/training, community-based conservation, etc.)
- Conservation biology, ecology and natural history studies (terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems)

Projects that focus on taxa/issues targeted by the Zoo’s key wildlife conservation programs or represent a species/taxa found at the Zoo will be given priority.

Funding Information

Annual awards, ranging from $1000 to $3500, are made to conservation and field research initiatives that will help secure a future for wildlife and educational or cultural activities that positively impact wildlife, habitats and human communities.

Criteria

- Requests for funds should provide adequate information for evaluation of the project and the specific request, including detailed experimental design and methodology.
- Projects that designate local/public education/awareness as a significant program outcome must include an evaluation component.
- Projects should begin in the year that they are applying for funding, (but not before funds are to be awarded) and contain a clearly defined beginning and endpoint.
- Funds will not be awarded for elements of a project that will have already occurred before awards are made.
• Although exceptions can be made, ongoing costs such as salaries of permanent staff and other administrative costs are generally not considered.
• Funds to cover contingencies or indirect costs are not granted.
• Partial funding of a project may be considered if a particular component of the project can be supported and completed independently, or if it is made clear that additional funding has been obtained or is being sought from other sources to cover remaining costs.
• Proposals requesting more than the maximum amount of funds allowed for the specific grant program will not be accepted.
• Subsequent phases of previously funded projects may be submitted.
• Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is not required to be a collaborator for a project to be eligible for funding.
• Highly invasive research or projects that collect/voucher specimens will not be considered for funding.

The following information should be included in the pre-proposal:

1. Project Description, including:
   • The goals and objectives of the project, including the conservation issue being addressed
   • The significance of the proposed project and the impact that it will have on the species, habitat, area, local people, etc.,
   • A succinct description of the experimental design, methodology and data analysis, and how it will address the project objectives,
   • A description of how the project’s success will be evaluated,
   • A list of any permits required for the project and whether they have already been obtained or are pending.

2. Budget: Include a detailed budget that clearly indicates the amount being requested and which budget items are being submitted for funding. If funding being requested represents partial funding of the project, include a complete project budget and clearly indicate whether remaining funds have been obtained, are pending or are being sought to complete the project and from whom. A justification for specific budget items may be included if necessary/appropriate.

3. Curriculum Vitae of the Principle Investigator (one page in English)

4. Letter(s) of Support/Commitment: Required from any collaborator(s), governing body, protected area, organization/group or institution whose cooperation is necessary for project completion. Letters must be in English (or translated to English if original is in another language), signed and on official letterhead. They can be sent electronically,
faxed or mailed in the post but must be received by the application deadline to be considered in the review.

**Expectations**

Grant recipients are expected to:

- Provide written acceptance of awarded funds including verification of funds received, and agreement to terms and conditions detailed here.
- Provide a few photographs of project that can be used in the zoo publications or resources within a few months of the award (may be of animals, habitat, yourself/others working on the project, etc.). Please send higher resolution/publishable images (4x6 in and 300dpi, <1MB).
- Maintain contact with and provide periodic updates to the Conservation Grants Assistant. At the minimum, provide a 6-month update via email describing the general progress of the project to date. A few paragraphs to one page of text is appropriate.
- Acknowledge the financial support of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in any presentations, meetings, publications and/or materials resulting from the project.
- Submit a final report, including accounting of funds; within one year of receipt of the award. If the project is more than one year in duration, a progress report should be submitted one year following the award in addition to a final report at the end of the project.

**How to Apply**

Pre-Proposal Applications should be sent to the Conservation Grants Assistant at the address given on the website.

For more information, please visit [Future for Wildlife Seed Grants](#).
Funding Call for Small Conservation Grants in the Sub-Saharan Africa

**Deadline:** 31 December 2019

The Jana Robeyst Trust Fund (JRTF) is accepting applications for its Small Conservation Grants to provide financial resources to early career scientists/conservationists and non-profit organizations to carry out vital field conservation and research work in Africa.

The JRTF aims to provide relatively small levels of funding for ongoing projects or pilot programmes with a clear conservation value.

**Funding Information**

Small grants will be awarded up to a maximum of 1,500 euro.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- This funding program is open to individuals or organizations for projects in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Applicants can be based anywhere in the world.
- Both successful and unsuccessful applicants are welcome to apply again 12 months after the submission.
- Eligible project will have a clear conservation value and be based in a country in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Preference will go to projects in relation with elephants.
- Education projects will also be considered.

**What project is not eligible for funding?**

- Pure research will not be funded. Research project will be considered if they demonstrate applied benefit to conservation and/or target an identified conservation need.
- Living costs, thesis production costs, retrospective costs, fundraising costs, and payment of a debt will not be considered for funding.
- Office equipment and participation to internship and volunteer program will not be considered unless they are essential in completing field work or benefit an identified conservation need.

**How to Apply**

- Interested applicants should submit the grant form in English or French. Additional information may be provided in separate attachments.
• They will request:
  o The grant form fully completed
  o CV with the contact details of two references (if one letter of reference is send with the application, the referees will not be contacted, the referees need to have professional email addresses).
  o The application must be send through a professional email address (not Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, etc.). If not possible, please send a proof of affiliation with a university, research institution or non-profit organization.
• Applications must be submitted via given website.

For more information, please visit Small Conservation Grants.
Submit Your Applications Now! Rising from the Depths Network’s Innovation Projects (Round 3)

**Deadline:** 31 October 2019

Applications are open for the third round of the Rising from the Depths Network’s Innovation Projects that aims to identify and utilize the Marine Cultural Heritage (MCH) of Eastern Africa to create tangible benefits in Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Madagascar.

The network will fund a range of Innovation Research Projects in the region. These are network funded, co-created research projects that aim to identify new opportunities and methods for using and protecting MCH.

This programme is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and Global Challenges Research Fund, and is being coordinated by the University of Nottingham in collaboration with the Universities of Roehampton, York, Bournemouth, Cambridge, Uppsala (Sweden), Ulster and Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique). The programme ends in September 2021.

**Funding Information**

- The Network has an £800,000 budget to fund projects over all of their funding calls.
- Awards can be for up to 9 months in duration. They can start from 1 January 2020 and must be completed by the end of September 2020.

**Eligible Activities**

A grant may be used for any research related activity and to communicate the findings of research. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Fieldwork
- Quantitative surveys
- Focus-groups
- Interview-based research
- Archival research
- Photographic documentation
- Producing a film/play/media programme/app
- Holding a course or workshop about research

**Eligibility Criteria**
• The project team will be composed of a Principal Investigator (responsible for the leadership of the project) and up to three Co-Investigators. These investigators should include at least one researcher from Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, and Mozambique. There can be international Co-Investigators who aren’t from DAC counties.

• Where an Investigator is from is judged by the institution at which they will be based. There are instances where an institution, such as an NGO, might be based in one country, but operate in another. In this instance, the application needs to demonstrate: where the majority of work is happening, including the work of the individual investigator, where the investigator’s employment contracts are held and whether the organization is large, with considerable resources, or smaller, with limited abilities to operate beyond their normal parameters in the DAC list country where the project will operate.

• “Researcher” is understood in the broadest sense of the term as, people who wish to undertake an inquiry or exploration through any method, e.g. ethnography, fieldwork, literature review, discussion, film, theatre, art, interviews, conversation, science, observation etc. Any discipline is eligible to apply, but the team must have at least someone who is working within an arts or humanities discipline and the project must be rooted in the arts and humanities.

• There can be international Co-Investigators who aren’t from DAC countries, but no more than 30% of the costs may be allocated to an international non-DAC Co-Investigator’s institution. This 30% limit applies to the total costs for international Co-Investigators who are not based in DAC list countries and the costs for third sector organizations. An NGO based specifically in a DAC list country and working in that specific context would not be subject to the 30% limit.

• The assessment panel will consider the composition of their team. Applications including/led by early career researchers are strongly encouraged. They also encourage teams to work across local communities, with NGOs, third sector partners or with marine industry stakeholders. Project teams must be interdisciplinary, and they encourage groups to consider equality, diversity and inclusion when forming the group.

Eligible Host Institutions

The host institution must be based in Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar or Mozambique, or the UK. The application must be made through a host organization (e.g. an NGO, University, Research Institute, community group social enterprise, arts or cultural organization) where the appropriate authority has agreed for the application to take place.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit Rising from the Depths.
Building Research Partnerships to Disseminate Social Innovation in Health

Deadline: 11 October 2019

TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, co-sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank and WHO, has announced a call for Letters of Interest for Building research partnerships in low- and middle-income countries to disseminate social innovation in health. The selected partnerships will build upon, contribute to and synergize with the Social Innovation in Health Initiative’s work to contribute to universal health coverage.

SIHI, the Social Innovation in Health Initiative, is a network of individuals and institutions sharing a common goal to advance social innovation in health through research and to transform health care delivery.

The purpose of this call is to build upon the work of the SIHI research country hubs and support research institutions in other low- and middle-income countries to embed social innovation in their programmes. This will be done through creating research partnerships in low- and middle-income countries between (i) research institutions having the capacity and experience in advancing social innovation in health through advocacy, research and capacity strengthening and (ii) research institutions focusing on infectious diseases of poverty that are willing to engage and embed this approach in their organizations. These research partnerships will actively enhance and facilitate the networking, sharing and learning among SIHI partners.

Intended recipients of this call

Research partnerships focusing on enhancing health care delivery will include at least two research institutions based in low- and middle-income countries, to work together and disseminate the social innovation approach and research in other low- and middle-income countries:

- One research institution with the capacity and experience in supporting social innovation in health in their countries through research, convening of health system actors to work together and engage in multi-disciplinary research, and/or related capacity strengthening.
- One or more institutions in other countries, focusing on infectious diseases of poverty and willing to engage and embed social innovation in their respective organizations’ programme and health (research) system.
Funding Information

- Selected proposals are expected to be implemented in 2020-2021. They will be funded as per availability of funds.
- Applicants are requested to provide a lower budget scenario and a higher budget scenario.
- Indicative budget requested to be supported by this call: maximum US$ 80,000 for the lower budget scenario and maximum US$ 140,000 for higher budget scenario of each partnership, and for 2020-2021 periods; leverage from applicants’ institutions and partners is a great asset.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants are part of a partnership that may be established for this grant and that includes at least two universities or research institutes based in different countries in low- and middle-income countries. They will apply in collaboration with various health system actors as relevant.
- South-South-North collaborations are encouraged. However, grant holders must be institutions in low- and middle-income countries.
- Applicants demonstrate interest and commitment to promote and support social innovation in health through research and in collaboration with SIHI network.
- At least one of the universities or research institutes has the capacity and experience to advance social innovation in health and the commitment to support other institutions to engage in and embed social innovation in their organizations and their country health systems.
- At least one of the universities or research institutes is committed to engage and embed social innovation in their organizations and their country health systems; these institutions have a strong engagement in research for infectious diseases of poverty.
- Support from government at appropriate level (e.g. letter of support), as relevant.

Criteria

- Relevance
  - Responsiveness of the proposal to the call, level of institutional interest and commitment to (i) social innovation in health and related research and (ii) work in collaboration with and enhance SIHI network
  - Level of support from relevant health authorities and local social innovators and communities
- Scientific and technical merit
o Quality/suitability of the partnership institutions/team (composition, expertise) for the proposed tasks
o Potential positive impact of deliverables and outcomes in which low- and middle-income country institutions play a leadership role
o Sound and innovative approach to ensure a successful partnership
o Leverage provided by applicant institutions or through their collaborations

• Feasibility
  o Coherence and effectiveness of the workplan to meet objectives on time
  o Potential to be implemented smoothly with identified resources
  o Sustainability of outcomes
  o Risk management approach to the project

• Budget
  o Soundness and appropriateness of budget
  o “Value for money” of the proposal – efficiency and results (outputs and potential impact) expected for the proposed budget

How to Apply

Download the Letters of Interest form via given website.

For more information, please visit Building Research Partnerships.
NEF Commemorative Grant Fund for Capacity Building of Young Scientists (CGF)

Deadline: 31 January 2020

The Nagao Natural Environment Foundation (NEF) is seeking applications for its program entitled “NEF Commemorative Grant Fund for Capacity Building of Young Scientists (CGF)”, for a 10-year period up to 2025, aiming at capacity building of young scientists in developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region; both of the CGF Programme and the ongoing Research Grant Programme (under the NEF Research Grant Scheme) will be simultaneously progressed.

The CGF Programme is directed towards helping young scientists in this region grow up as world-class scientists in the areas of, or related to, conservation of wildlife and ecosystem in their own country or in the Asia-Pacific region. In this programme, research projects with high priority include fieldwork-based studies which are scientifically outstanding and socioculturally sound. Each project should be implemented by a project scientist (PS) from Asia-Pacific developing countries, with adequate support of, and collaboration with, a project coordinator (PC), who has excellent scientific achievements and intends to take responsibilities for the research project.

Target Countries

The target countries in the Asia-Pacific region include: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federal of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

Grant Information

- The maximum grant size is 1,500,000 Japanese yen per project, while additional budget for the PC is available for his/her expenses of travel to the study site of the PS.
- The total annual budget for the CGF Programme amounts to 20,000,000 Japanese yen.

Eligible Research Fields

The research project is expected to contribute to nature conservation of the country where the PS lives, or currently works or studies, focusing on living organisms, especially wildlife and ecosystem, from such standpoints/foci as follows:

- biology, especially ecology, taxonomy, and distribution and current status of wildlife,
- biodiversity (i.e., species diversity, genetic diversity, and ecosystem diversity),
• threatened species, alien species, and restoration of ecosystem, and/or
• relationships between nature and humans (e.g., ecosystem services and sustainable use of biological resources).

Eligibility Criteria

The Project Scientist (PS) must:

• be a national of one of the above-mentioned countries, less than 40 years old,
• be a researcher, who works or studies full-time in a university or research institution in one of the above-mentioned countries, under any of the following three situations:
  • having a PhD or Doctor’s degree,
  • being/to be enrolled in a doctor (PhD) course of the university/research institution, or
  • having at least 3 years of research work experience and sound record of scholarly publications,
• be not a recipient of on-going research or publication project of the NEF nor an applicant of any other grant of the NEF, at the time of application.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can download the application form via given website.

For more information, please visit Commemorative Grant Fund.
UKRI GCRF seeking Applications for Digital Innovation for Development in Africa

Deadline: 12 November 2019

The UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is seeking applications for Digital Innovation for Development in Africa (DIDA).

Digital research and innovation for development promotes the use of digital technologies as a democratized and decentralized means to approach development challenges, including openings to:

- Improve health and education;
- Stimulate economic and fiscal growth;
- Increase inclusion for marginalized groups;
- Provide better transparency and tools to hold governments and other institutions to account;
- Offer new and novel ways to improve quality of life

The seed fund Networks are intended to facilitate the development of interdisciplinary, international communities working within the three thematic areas of the call. These Networks will catalyse the development of large-scale proposals to be submitted for the second round of DIDA funding that will meet the following strategic goals in the three thematic areas:

- Answer fundamental research questions, with clearly defined pathways to impact, that arise from the rapidly evolving spaces in which digital technology is colliding with sustainable development goals.
- Design or develop digital solutions to locally identified development challenges that can result in meaningful and scalable impact within African contexts.
- Build and/or strengthen capacity in Digital Research and Innovation within the African continent.
- Develop new networks and new models of mentorship and partnership for digital research and innovation between Africa and the UK, in a development context.

The initial seed fund Networks will enable and facilitate the co-development and co-design of a programme which can then go on to undertake projects aligned with self-identified digital for development challenges within the thematic areas outlined.

Thematic Areas

This call will support seed funding for Networks working within the following thematic areas:
- **Digital Rights**
  o the impact of disruptive technology on human rights, working conditions, legal protections, and the amplification of existing inequalities
  o the use of digital technology to enhance participation and access for women and minority groups
  o improving access to and the quality of government services (taxation, voting, justice, visas, healthcare, etc.)
  o digital documentation, data vaulting and digital security of official documents (e.g. passports, birth certificates)
  o improving participation in civil life and access to justice and democratic institutions

- **Smart Communities**
  o monitoring and management of terrestrial and coastal environmental services
  o monitoring and management of pollution (e.g. green house gases, waste, plastic, air), including hazard forecasting and early-warning systems
  o inclusive circular economies, recycling and the management of industrial and municipal waste in urban environments
  o access, management and monitoring of drinking water and sanitation in rural and urban settings
  o urban traffic management and vehicle pollution

- **Digital Health**
  o availability, access and management of patient information and health communications
  o reporting, monitoring and controlling the spread of infectious disease
  o managing healthcare for remote communities: telemedicine, access to diagnostic medicine, monitoring health, and effective distribution of medicines for remote and/or isolated communities

In recognizing the use of digital technologies as a contemporary approach to address development challenges, DIDA awards will focus on the impact and/or application of digital solutions to the immediate challenges faced by the most vulnerable in Africa based around the identified themes above. The seed fund DIDA Networks should be multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary. They should also aim to facilitate the development of partnerships between researchers, industry, NGOs, policymakers and practitioners.

**Funding Available**

- At stage one of the call UKRI expects to make 15-20 awards of between £100,000 - £150,000 over 12 months to seed fund Networks.
• At stage two, Networks awarded in stage one will be invited to bid into a second call in 2020 with up to £19M available across six to eight projects over 3 years.

Eligibility Criteria

• For the first stage call, the seed fund Network must be led by a Network Leader (Principal Investigator (PI)) based in a UK Research Organization (RO) eligible to receive funding from UKRI, or, based in an equivalent eligible Research Organization in an African country. The lead organization will be responsible for the overall management of the grant including control, disbursement and assurance of funds.

• An applicant (PI) may only lead on one application. The main thematic area being addressed must be highlighted in the proposal. They envisage that the proposal may bridge more than one of the thematic areas, however the applicant must still indicate in the case for support which of the three is the most relevant to the proposal.

• Network co-leaders (co-investigators) may be based anywhere in the world, however, there must be at least one African and one UK investigator listed on the submission.

• Further project partners may be based anywhere in the world, however, an organization should only be named as a project partner if it is providing specific contributions (either direct or indirect) to the Network. Named partners should confirm these contributions in a letter-headed letter of support.

• Proposals may be submitted by individuals who are not already established members of the proposed host institution. In these circumstances, however, the RO should note the standard terms and condition of grant in that they are wholly responsible for the staff funded from the Grant, including Research Fellows, and accept all duties owed to and responsibilities for these staff, including, without limitation, their terms and conditions of employment, and their training and supervision, arising from the employer/employee relationship.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can apply via given website.

For more information, please visit Digital Innovation for Development in Africa.
Open Call for LGBTIQ+ Advocacy Grants in the MENA Region

**Deadline:** 31 October 2019

Grindr for Equality (G4E) has announced an open call for LGBTIQ+ advocacy grants in the Middle East-North Africa (Arabic speaking countries).

**Thematic Areas**

Applications must fall into one of the following three thematic areas. The project descriptions below each area are examples but applicants’ projects do not necessarily need to resemble any of these specifically.

- **Health**
  - **HIV Testing & Treatment Access:** HIV testing services, home test kit programs, medication delivery, service locators, etc.
  - **Mental Health Support:** Providing counseling and psychological services, peer or group support services, etc.
  - **Trans Health:** Providing and improving access to gender-affirming medical care, providing support for hormone replacement therapy and sex reassignment surgeries.

- **Community Power and Affirmation**
  - **Advocacy and Decriminalization:** Campaigning, peer-support training, hotline and emergency services, advocacy for the abolition of laws that criminalize being LGBTQI+, pushing comprehensive anti-discrimination laws, etc. Trans Protections, Inclusion, and Empowerment: Campaigning, leadership training and programs, amplifying trans voices, advocating for legal gender recognition, etc.
  - **Historical Documentation:** Collecting, mapping, and preserving queer narratives and oral histories of our movements to be used in advocacy.

- **Safety & Security**
  - **Safety and security:** Providing security and safety trainings and tools, educational materials, etc.
  - **Legal Aid:** Providing support and legal services, litigation, etc.
  - **Organizational Capacity Building:** Improving organizations’ capacities to perform security assessments and implement protection plans, etc.

**Funding Information**
Grants are available in the amounts of US$5,000 and US$10,000 to support LGBTIQ+ organizations that are advocating for health, safety, community empowerment in the Middle East-North Africa (Arabic speaking countries).

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Organizations must be based in the Middle East-North Africa region (Arabic speaking countries).
- Organizations are eligible if their primary focus is advancing LGBTIQ+ issues.
- Organizations that are not primarily focused on advancing LGBTIQ+ issues are still eligible to apply to fund LGBTIQ+ projects if they are governed, directed, and led by LGBTIQ+ people (e.g. LGBTIQ+ people occupy all or most of leadership roles throughout the various decision-making levels of the group).
- They do not accept requests from individuals.
- They do not accept requests from corporations or organizations whose sole purpose is to generate revenue.
- They do not accept requests proposed for athletic sponsorship, academic research, or travel scholarships, unless it is a part of a project’s main activities.
- They do not accept requests from religious institutions, research institutions, universities, sports teams, arts organizations, government entities, political parties, or election campaigns.
- Organizations and groups do not need to be registered as non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to qualify for their grants. However, they need to be able to receive money via a bank account or have a fiscal sponsor who can.
- Organizations or groups can apply for the two different types of grants ($5,000 and $10,000) but it should be for different projects.
- If applicants choose to deny giving a public recognition to G4E in their project for security reasons that will not affect their opportunity to be selected for the grant.

**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted online via given website.

For more information, please visit Advocacy Grants.
Arab Council for the Social Sciences announces Research Grants Program (RGP)

**Deadline:** 17 November 2019

The Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS) has announced the seventh cycle of its Research Grants Program (RGP) on the theme of “Health and Livelihoods in the Arab Region: Wellbeing, Vulnerability and Conflict”.

The ACSS Research Grants Program (RGP) is a funding opportunity that aims to support research across disciplinary boundaries and methodological approaches on key themes of concern to the Arab region.

This program is funded by a grant provided to the ACSS by the International Development Research Center (IDRC), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

**Funding Information**

- Grants will be available to individual researchers (up to USD 20,000), teams of researchers (up to USD 35,000), and collectives and institutions (up to USD 50,000) whose research focuses primarily on Arab societies.
- Priority will be given to researchers residing in the Arab region. Grants are intended to support a maximum of 18 months for individuals and teams, starting April 2020 and ending October 2021, and a maximum of 24 months for collectives and institutions starting April 2020 and ending April 2022.

**The Theme**

The theme of this cycle “Health and Livelihoods in the Arab Region: Wellbeing, Vulnerability and Conflict” responds to current turmoil and conflicts in the Arab region that have resulted in mass movements, displacement and migration within the Arab region. Those were accompanied by immense feelings of insecurity and social injustice, particularly among those who have come to be increasingly known as vulnerable groups of refugees and forced migrants as well as the disadvantaged groups in host communities. At the same time, in countries that have not witnessed conflict situations, neo-liberal practices such as the increasing privatization of public services and the retreat of the state from offering them, have equally exacerbated the sense of social injustice and deprivation.

In addition to the above, the political economy of conflict has created new markets and actors comprising international and local NGOs that have set in place new relations with governments
and local communities. Those organizations have prioritized health and medical services they offer to the communities paying more attention, for example, to emergency health needs and relief and humanitarian assistance. Within this context, infectious and chronic diseases, reproductive health for women and the health of youth and adolescents are often relegated to a lower priority. Furthermore, these organizations engage in naming and categorizing vulnerable groups and beneficiaries. Categories such as political refugees, asylum seekers, refugees, economic migrants, returnees and displaced persons reflect different types and degrees of assistance offered. They also impact health policies that directly affect local communities. At the same time, in ‘more stable’ contexts, vulnerable communities are not necessarily in a better situation; they too suffer explicit and implicit violence and marginalization resulting from the outbreak of disease and the implementation of privatization and market-driven policies. More analysis of health inequalities and structural violence against marginalized groups is much needed.

Topics

Among the topics that proposals could address are the following:

- The dynamics of health and livelihoods in protracted conflict and/or everyday violence
- Forced and economic migration and the transformations in communities’ livelihoods, health attitudes, behaviors and access to health systems and services.
- The role of cultural beliefs in health, cultural idioms, metaphors and representations of health and wellbeing in different social and economic ways of living, health systems, traditions and cultures.
- The role of religion and faith-based institutions in the provision of health care, and the development of health care as acts of religious charity not as rights of citizenship.
- Experiences and narratives of resilience and vulnerabilities in the context of health and livelihoods.
- Strategies of healthcare in the Arab region: global health policies, health services and institutions, the mechanisms and dynamics of health networks, rural versus urban healthcare and access.
- Biosecurity, nationalism and border control: the implications of health and disease in discourses, politics and policies of national security and border control.
- Historical approaches to health and livelihoods in the Arab region, including histories of health institutions and health systems (e.g. Western and Eastern medicine, psychiatry, herbal medicine, etc.), Health and medicine under colonialism, post-colonialism and neo-colonialism (e.g. the role of missionary medicine; the role of humanitarian medicine in different contexts; how neocolonialism transforms health), the transformation of social healthcare in the Arab region.
• The study of health from an institutional perspective: what is the role of the state, non-governmental organizations and practitioners in defining healthy bodies, vulnerabilities and practices of wellbeing in specific communities? What kind of health education is designed by these institutions and how do they affect communal understandings of health and wellbeing?

• The knowledge production on health, livelihoods and wellbeing in the Arab region: including research on curriculums for health practitioners (e.g. doctors, public health workers, nurses etc.), validation of international and local health measures and concepts, global diagnostic tools and their implementation in a local context, development of alternative and locally-embedded tools, definitions of health.

• The role of ethics in the medical profession, ethics and global neoliberal policies of healthcare, the ethics of researching the health of vulnerable individuals and communities (chronic patients, refugees, undocumented migrants, sick people) in the context of violence and conflict.

• Bioethics in the Arab region: Questioning the ethics of medical practitioners and medical practice in certain contexts and situations (e.g. medical practitioners and torture, the role of doctors during revolutions and social change).

• Health equity systems: How is health inequality reproduced and expressed socially, economically and politically? How do patients experience this?

• The relationships between health practitioners (e.g. doctors, nurses, social workers) and patients:
  o How do health practitioners perceive, diagnose and represent patients, especially those with different socioeconomic, cultural, gender and sexuality dimensions?
  o The daily struggle of seeking healthcare and access
  o The illness narratives of patients, with an emphasis on chronic sickness

• Family and health: the role of family members in managing, diagnosing and seeking healthcare and access; the mother as a medical actor in the family; the way in which family reproduces health and wellbeing.

Eligibility Criteria

• Citizenship/Residence
  o For Individuals: Applicants must be citizens of an Arab country (defined as a member of the League of Arab States) - or refugees and stateless individuals from Arab countries - who are currently residing in the Arab region. Researchers whose origin are from one of the Arab countries but are residing outside the region are also eligible to apply but priority in selection will be given to those who are currently residing in an Arab country.
For Teams: At least two members of the team, including the team leader/principal investigator, must be citizens of an Arab country and based in the Arab region. They may also be refugees or stateless individuals from Arab countries, who are currently residing in the Arab region. The remaining two members may include Arabs in the diaspora.

For Collectives: The collective must be based in the Arab region. It must also demonstrate clear future plans to operate in the region. At least two members of the collective, including the principal investigator, must be citizens of an Arab country and based in the Arab region. They may also be refugees or stateless individuals from Arab countries, who are currently residing in the Arab region. The remaining two members may include Arabs in the diaspora.

For Institutions: The institution must be based in the Arab region regardless of its original registration status. Institutions that are branches to international foreign organizations are not eligible to apply. The institution’s principal investigator and all co-investigators in the project must be citizens of an Arab country and must be based in the Arab region. They may also be refugees or stateless individuals from Arab countries, who are currently residing in the Arab region.

Educational Degree

For Individuals: Applicants must hold a PhD degree in the field of social sciences or humanities. Individual researchers in the early stages of their professional post-PhD careers are especially encouraged to apply. Individuals who expect to obtain their doctoral degree by January 2020 are eligible to apply.

For Teams: At least two members of the team, including the principal investigator/team leader, must be holders of a PhD in the field of social sciences or humanities. The other two members must be holders a master’s degree in the field of social sciences or humanities at the minimum.

For Collectives: At least two members of the collective, including the principal investigator, must be holders of a PhD in the field of social sciences or humanities. The other two members must be holders of a master’s degree in the field of social sciences or humanities at the minimum.

For Institutions: The institution’s principal investigator must hold a PhD degree in the field of social sciences or humanities and demonstrate successful research experience. Other co-investigators must be holders of a master’s degree in the field of social sciences or humanities at the minimum.

Discipline

This program is open to any discipline in the social sciences, humanities, and allied and interdisciplinary fields. Core disciplines include anthropology,
demography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, philosophy, literary studies and art history. Allied and interdisciplinary fields include architecture, geography, education, law, public health, gender studies, cultural studies, media studies, development studies and urban studies. Interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged. However, all proposals should be grounded in social science theory and methodology.

• **Individuals, Teams, Collectives and Institutions**
  - This program is open to individual researchers, research teams, collectives of researchers and institutions. For the purposes of this call:
    - Research teams include researchers from the same or different institutions, geographies and disciplines who have an interest in conducting multidisciplinary research on the topic.
    - A collective is an independent group of researchers that has been working collaboratively on a specific theme for years and has a mission statement, a set of practices or a set of outputs that reflect its identity and purposes.
    - Institutions could be a university or a university department, a think-tank, a research NGO, etc.
  - Research teams, collectives, and institutions must present their applications in teams of up to four members, including a principal investigator and co-investigators.
  - ACSS grantees (principal and co-investigators) who have benefited previously from a grant from the ACSS are only eligible to apply after one year from the date of the closure of their grant.

**Program Aims and Outputs**

This program supports research projects at any stage of their development. Research Proposals can either be submitted for new or ongoing projects and may include:

- Preliminary or “pilot” phases of a project
- Longer-term projects combining fieldwork and analysis
- Analysis and write-up of previously concluded data collection
- Extensions of previous projects that seek to bring in new cases and examples
- Comparative projects extended to include further locations

**How to Apply**

Interested applicants can apply online via the given website.

For more information, please visit [Research Grants Program](#).
2020 Call for Applications for the ANT Mobility Fund

**Deadline:** 28 October 2019

Pro Helvetia Johannesburg in partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation has announced the 2020 Call for Applications for the ANT Mobility Fund.

For the current phase of programme (2018 – 2020) Ant Mobility Funding support has been separated into two distinct and more focused streams. The first is directed at individual artists and arts practitioners and the second to bands, performing arts companies, collectives, festivals and development organizations.

**Categories**

- **ANT Mobility Funding For Individual Artists/Arts Professionals**
  - This grant is for individual artists and arts professionals (curators, organizers, arts managers, etc). It supports travel across national borders in the region for the purposes of:
    - research and project development,
    - collaboration across national borders,
    - professional exchanges,
    - touring/presentation of work.
  - Successful applications will be supported for up to a maximum of ZAR 36 000/US$ 3000.
  - Proposals that demonstrate active participation and in-kind and/or financial support (e.g. in providing accommodation) of a local host/partner will be prioritized.

- **ANT Mobility Funding For Organizations, Groups & Companies**
  - The ANT Project grant is for bands, performing arts companies, collectives, festivals and arts organizations comprised of more than 1 person.
  - The primary focus of the fund is to assist in the distribution of new and existing works to a broader Southern African audience and to enable transnational collaboration and sharing of knowledge and expertise.
  - Projects will be supported for up to a maximum of ZAR 60 000/US$ 5000 and applicants are expected to have or seek additional funding from other sources.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Activities and Projects should involve MOBILITY between two or more of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar,
Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Seychelles, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

- Relate to at least one of the following disciplines: (1) Performing arts (theatre, live arts and dance); (2) Digital arts, gaming and new media; (3) Visual arts, craft and design, (4) Literature; (5) Music; and (6) Multi/cross-disciplinary applications of the arts.
- Activities and Projects should take place between January 2020 and end December 2020; though note that funding will only become available from the beginning of January 2020.

**How to Apply**

Applicants can download the application form via given website.

For more information, please visit ANT Mobility Fund.
African Culture Fund launches 2nd Call for Proposals

**Deadline: 12 October 2019**

African Culture Fund has launched its 2nd call for proposals to support the professionalization of the cultural and creative sector of African countries through innovative artistic projects that it finances.

**Focus Areas**

- **Lot 1: Performing arts**
  - The projects involved in this call are activities and projects of creation, production and dissemination of works and capacity building in the field of the performing arts.
  - The current call concerns the following performing arts: music, dance and theater.

- **Lot 2: Visual arts**
  - The projects involved in this call are activities and projects of creation, production and dissemination of works and capacity building in the field of visual arts.
  - This call concerns traditional visual arts, photography, digital art, decorative arts (textile art, design, marquetry...) as well as all pre-production, production, post-production, dissemination and distribution concerning the following cinematographic and audiovisual disciplines:
    - Fiction / animation (short films, medium-length films, feature films or series);
    - Documentaries (unitary or series);
    - Art videos.

**Funding Information**

- For any request made in this call, the maximum budget is US $ 10,000. Projects must be completed for a period not exceeding 18 months.
- ACF does not grant mobility grants. However, travel expenses can be covered when they are part of the implementation of a project.

**Geographic Area**

This call covers all countries of the African continent.
Eligibility Criteria

- Be an African artist or cultural actor or from the African diaspora, an artistic or cultural organization or association established in Africa or cooperating on African projects with at least one African organization and having at least three years of experience;
- Have a structure or be a member of an artistic or cultural organization or association;
- Have a legal status (organizations);
- Present a structuring project in response to the call for projects.

ACF does not accept applications submitted by:

- Members of the board of directors, their business partners or members of their family.
- ACF staff, business partners or family members.
- Members of the award committee for the current year.

Evaluation Criteria

The committee evaluates the applications according to four (04) criteria:

- The originality / innovation / creativity of the project or concept;
- The technical quality of the file;
- The financial quality of the project;
- The relevance / sustainability of the project or concept in relation to the African or regional context.

Selection Criteria

- Application selection procedure is in five (05) steps:
  - Registration and filing of files;
  - Registration and filing of files;
  - Administrative review of applications;
  - Evaluation by the award committee (Jury);
  - Approval of the list of selected projects;
  - Approval of allocation of funds.
- Applications are evaluated by an independent award committee composed of professionals working in the African cultural sector and knowing the artistic realities in the different African regions.

How to Apply

- Applications must be submitted in English or in French.
- Applications must be submitted online via given website.

For more information, please visit African Culture Fund.
Mandela Washington Fellowship Program for Young African Leaders

**Deadline:** 9 October 2019

Applicants are invited to submit their applications for Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with funding provided by the U.S. Government, and administered by IREX.

The Mandela Washington Fellowship is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking. In summer 2020, the Fellowship will host up to 700 young African leaders.

Fellows will travel to U.S. university or college campuses for six-week Leadership Institutes in one of three tracks: Business, Civic Engagement, or Public Management.

The intensive six-week Institute model uses leadership development as the framework to create links between academic sessions, a strengths-based Common Leadership Curriculum, site visits, community service, and cultural activities. Fellows in all three themes will gain both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, and the Institutes will take place from mid-June to late July 2020. The Institutes will culminate in a Summit in Washington, D.C., featuring networking and panel discussions with U.S. leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Mandela Washington Fellowship is open to young African leaders who meet the following criteria:
  - Are between the ages of 25 and 35 on or before the application deadline, although exceptional applicants ages 21-24 will be considered;
  - Are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States;
  - Are eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa;
  - Are not employees or immediate family members of employees of the U.S. Government (including a U.S. embassy or consulate, USAID, and other U.S. Government entities);
  - Are proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English;
  - Are citizens of one of the following countries: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic
• Are residents of one of the above countries; and  
• Are not Alumni of the Mandela Washington Fellowship.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applications (not in order of importance):

• A proven record of leadership and accomplishment in business, civic engagement, or public service;  
• A demonstrated commitment to public or community service, volunteerism, or mentorship;  
• The ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and to respect the opinions of others;  
• Strong social and communication skills;  
• An energetic, positive attitude;  
• A demonstrated knowledge of, interest in, and professional experience in the preferred sector/track; and  
• A commitment to return to Africa and apply leadership skills and training to benefit the applicant’s country and/or community after they return home.

YALI Voices: Tips for MWF Applicants from Adepeju Opeyemi Jaiyeoba

Adepeju Opeyemi Jaiyeoba is a 2014 Mandela Washington Fellow from Nigeria. She is the founder and CEO of the Brown Button Foundation, which creates low-cost delivery kits for expectant mothers in Nigeria.

As another Mandela Washington Fellowship application period opens, here are the top tips from Adepeju Opeyemi Jaiyeoba (2014 Fellow) for aspiring Fellows.

1. **Interrelate your answers** – For many of us who do a number of totally unrelated things, responding to application questions may be difficult because of the different hats we wear. It is not uncommon to see applicants with this characteristic put forth conflicting ideas in their application, which can leave the reviewer totally confused and constantly checking if they are still reviewing the same application. For instance, an applicant wearing several hats may respond to a question by talking about her involvement in
climate change, another question using examples of how she is working to keep girls in school, and the third question with examples of her fighting malnutrition and helping farmers prevent post-harvest losses. An application like this will no doubt keep the reviewer confused.

- If the scenario I have described above is you, here are some guidelines to help you determine which of your many hats you should be wearing when responding to Mandela Washington Fellowship application questions:
  - Which of your various interests are you most passionate about?
  - Which one helps you fulfill the criteria of having a proven track record of leadership? Remember that the fellowship is not for people who will do but for people who are actually doing.
  - In which area do you desire growth the most?
  - Considering the focus and existing tracks of the fellowship, which of your many hats will benefit the most from this opportunity?

2. **Avoid technical terms** – Reviewers have several applications as well as a deadline to meet. It is not likely that a reviewer will take a short course in a particular field to be able to understand the technical terms you have used extensively in your application. As much as possible, use basic, simple terms to convey your message. Remember, you will not be there to discuss the content of your application or expatiate on it.

3. **Avoid drowning your application in statistics** – I know you want to impress the reviewer and have researched different statistics to back up the need for the work you are doing, but do not let these statistics take the place of words you should be using to make your case. While you may be tempted to put in all the figures you have researched, resist that temptation and make use of the most practical and relevant statistics you have.

4. **Break questions into parts** – Many times I have read application responses where applicants respond to one part of the application and forget to answer the other part. As all parts will be scored, it will be impossible for the applicant to get the maximum score possible for that question. As you read each question, always make a note of what is expected and check your answer against your note.

5. **Take the “present continuous” test before deciding to apply** – The Mandela Washington Fellowship is for leaders who are doing something in their communities and helping others create change, not those who currently have nothing to do but plan something in the future. The fellowship is for self-starters. Before deciding to apply, be sure your work is in the “present continuous tense” and not “future tense.” Nothing helps a reviewer decide not to progress an application faster than words like “I plan to …” or phrases like “I don’t really have anything I’m doing now but after the fellowship, I will …”
6. **Understand what the fellowship is about** – In the past, I have seen applicants request from the fellowship what only a master’s degree or a Ph.D. could give them. Before applying, be sure to read extensively about the program and understand how it can help you and the work you are doing in your community.

**How to Apply**

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit [Mandela Washington Fellowship](https://www.mandela.org).
**Applications Open for African Women’s Public Service Fellowship**

**Deadline:** 2 December 2019

Applications are open for African Women’s Public Service Fellowship, made possible by a donation from the Oprah Winfrey Foundation, expands the opportunity for African women to impact for public service in their home countries.

Fellowship recipients commit to return to their respective home countries at the conclusion of the program with the goal of assuming a leadership position on the continent where they can meaningfully contribute to the challenges currently confronting Africa.

NYU Wagner Named Fellowship programs are designed to identify and reward their most outstanding students. They seek students with a strong academic record, noteworthy professional experience and aspirations, and a proven commitment to public service with a focus on a relevant issue area. Fellowship recipients are expected to exemplify the values of the illustrious individuals for whom the fellowships are named, as well as the values of the NYU Wagner community.

The Fellowship provides full tuition, fees, housing, travel to and from the United States, and a small stipend to cover books and miscellaneous expenses.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Citizen and resident in an African country at the time of application
- This fellowship is only available to degree-seeking students. Advanced professional certificate and non-degree programs are not applicable for this fellowship.
- Strong academic record
- Demonstrated commitment to public service
- A NYU Wagner education would significantly enhance applicants ability to have a deep and lasting impact on public service issues in their home country and region
- Applicable to the following programs:
  - MPA Public & Nonprofit Management & Policy
  - MPA Health Policy & Management
  - Master of Urban Planning
  - EMPA Public Service Leaders

**How to Apply**

Applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit [Public Service Fellowship](#).