



TVG-YPARD Funding News

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A joint venture of Terra Viva Grants and YPARD to provide guidance about funding opportunities for young professionals in agricultural research, with a focus on research for development

Application Closing Dates

Through February 2010 (rolling calendar, updated each newsletter). **NEW** = Item was not included in the previous newsletter.

Academy of Sciences for the Developing World – Grants for Scientific Meetings: Grants to support international scientific meetings in developing countries. 01 June and 01 December are deadlines for applications.

http://users.ictp.it/~twas/mtm/SM_Form.html

NEW L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie – Grants for Inter-University Scientific Cooperation: The grants will be administered at AUF's regional level for the Americas, West Africa, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, and Indian Ocean. 30 September is the deadline for proposals.

<http://www.auf.org/communication-information/appels-offres/pcs-regional.html>

NEW Asian Institute of Technology – Small Grants for Bio-Innovations in Asia: Supported by funding from IDRC (Canada), the AIT welcomes calls for proposals on bio-innovations for poverty alleviation in Asia. 15 September 2009 is the deadline for proposals.

<http://www.bioinnovationpolicies.ait.asia/>

NEW Bioversity International -- Research Grants on Conservation and Use of Plant Genetic Resources: Applications are invited from nationals of low-income and lower-middle income developing countries for two Vavilov-Frankel fellowships. Candidates should be aged 35 or under, and hold a graduate degree in a relevant subject area. 08 November 2009 is the application deadline.

http://www.bioversityinternational.org/about_us/fellowships/vavilov_frankel_fellowship.html#c2386

NEW CGIAR Science Awards 2009 – Cash Awards: Categories include a total of seven awards across agricultural research, agricultural science partnerships, and agricultural communications. Nominations close 30 November 2009.

<http://www.cgiar.org/awards/awardsindex.html>

Conservation, Food, and Health Foundation - Grants: Concept notes are due 01 July for proposals reviewed in November, and 01 January for proposals reviewed in May. Grants to NGOs in resource conservation and sustainable agriculture (in addition to health). Grants support research and solve specific problems in order to build capacity in developing countries.

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No geographical restrictions. Average grant size is US\$11 thousand, and grants are rarely over US\$25 thousand.

http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/?page_id=6

Danish Development Research Network – North/South Exchanges: DDRN funds participation in workshops and seminars, meetings, conferences, and other activities that promote North-South collaboration in development research. The third call of 2009 is open through 01 September.

http://ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=205

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals in Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (FP7-KBBE-2010-4): 14 January 2010 is application deadline. Thematic areas include management of biological resources, food safety, life sciences, biotechnology, and others. (*Editor's Note: See Annex 1 in "Cooperation" for a list of the EC's international cooperation partner countries.*)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=233

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals in Environment (FP7-ENV-2010): 05 January 2010 is application deadline. Research on climate change linked to agriculture and deforestation; land-use management; biodiversity (soils, forests); water management; natural and man-made disasters, and many other topics. (*Editor's Note: See Annex 1 in "Cooperation" for a list of the EC's international cooperation partner countries.*)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=267

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals under ERA-NET to network research actions at regional and national levels (FP7-ERANET-2010-RTD): 19 January 2010 is application deadline. Thematic areas include several in Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE) – as well as Environment (including climate change). (*Editor's Note: See Annex 1 in "Cooperation" for a list of the EC's international cooperation partner countries.*)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=272

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals for Africa 2010 (FP7-AFRICA-2010): 14 January 2010 is application deadline. Thematic areas include several in Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE) – as well as in Environment (including climate change). Eligibility extends to African ACP countries and selected Mediterranean countries.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=268

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals in Energy (FP7-ENERGY-2010-1): 15 October 2009 is application deadline. Includes one component for research on renewable fuels (e.g., biofuels) and another on capture of carbon dioxide (among several other topics). (*Editor's Note: See Annex 1 in "Cooperation" for a list of the EC's international cooperation partner countries.*)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=227#infopack

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals in Activities of International Cooperation (FP7-INCO): 19 January 2010 is application deadline for four calls for proposals to strengthen international research cooperation. INCO-2010-2 is with Algeria; INCO-2010-3 is with Africa, Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, and USA; INCO-2010-6 is with Eastern Europe, South Caucasus, and Mediterranean countries; INCO-2010-1 is open with regard to regions.

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage#Activities%20of%20International%20Cooperation>

NEW European Commission (EC), Calls for Proposals for Marie Curie Re-Integration Grants (FP7-PEOPLE-2009-RG): 08 October 2009 is application cut-off date. Applicants are experienced researchers who previously participated in FP7 research programs.
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.PeopleDetailsCallPage&call_id=168

NEW FRB (La Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité) – Call for Proposals in Biodiversity: Open to all scientific actors and all aspects of biodiversity science. Proposal deadline is 20 September 2009.
http://www.fondationbiodiversite.fr/Accueil_files/APPEL_A_PROJETS_FRB_2009.pdf

International Foundation for Science - “Green Water” Grants: 30 June and 31 December for second and third grant cycles. Open to candidates at the beginning of their careers who have at least an MSc degree, are under 40 years old (45 for Africa), and whose research is carried out at a national university, national research center, or research NGO in a developing country.
http://www.ifs.se/Programme/Announcements/Call_for_applications_GreenWater_2008.pdf

I’IRD (Institut de recherche pour le développement) –North/South Research Collaboration Projects: Water, ecosystems, and climate change are among the priorities. 07 September for applications.
http://www.ird.fr/fr/appel/pdf/UMI_LMI_09.pdf

King Baudouin Foundation. Proposals to the Efico Fund for projects in coffee/cacao communities. 22 September is application deadline.
<http://www.kbs-frb.be/call.aspx?id=209700&LangType=1033>

McKnight Foundation, Southeast Asia - Grants: 01 June and 01 December for letters of inquiry to Southeast Asia Program (Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam). Program includes some elements of sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and conservation of natural resources. Grants over US\$100 thousand are possible. (*Editor’s Note: Search McKnight for its other program areas, including the program on agricultural research housed at Cornell University.*)
<http://www.mcknight.org/grantsprograms/howtoapply.aspx>

New England Biolabs Foundation - Grants: 01 March and 01 September, only if invited to submit a proposal after your preliminary inquiry. Grants of less than US\$10 thousand for technical assistance, education and capacity building, and research at the community level. Selected countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Interested applicants make a preliminary inquiry.
<http://www.nebf.org/guidlines.html>

NEW Rothamsted International – Fellowships for Research in Agricultural Sciences at Rothamsted, UK: 16 October 2009 is applications deadline.
http://www.rothamsted-international.org/RIFS_applying_deadlines.shtml

Royal Society -- International Joint Research Projects with Selected Countries: Application deadlines are 17 June and 17 December for projects with India; 17 September for projects with Russia; and 01 October for projects with China.
<http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=2344>

Swiss Research Fellow Partnership Program for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources – Fellowships and Internships: 31 March and 30 September for proposals. ETH Zurich, with funding by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, offers doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships and internships in partnership with a center of the CGIAR and a Swiss research institution.
<http://www.rfpp.ethz.ch/>

Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences – Research Partnerships with Developing and Transition Countries (KFH-DC): 07 September is deadline for drafts (outlines). Funding for collaborative research on subjects relevant to development.
http://www.kfh.ch/index.cfm?nav=14&pg=47>yp_id=1&CFID=12859418&CFTOKEN=59487296&menu_type=key

USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) – Global Food Security, Africa Action Plan: 31 October is deadline for applications. Grants for agricultural productivity and marketing in West Africa.
<http://www.grants.gov> (browse by agency, US Agency for International Development)

USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) -- Sustainable Horticulture and Endangered Ecosystems in Tanzania: 10 October is application deadline.
<http://www.grants.gov> (browse by agency, US Agency for International Development)

NEW World Bank, Development Marketplace for LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) – 2010 Competitive Grants Competition: Inviting ideas that are youth-led and/or youth-focused in three thematic areas, including the commercialization of locally-produced biodiversity and agricultural products without degrading source habitats. 15 September is deadline for proposals.
<http://www.lac-developmentmarketplace.org/>

Applications with No Closing Dates or Multiple Closing Dates

Partial Listing (additional grant makers to be added in future newsletters)

l'Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) -- Jeunes Equipes Associées à l'IRD: Financial support of €60 thousand for teams of young researchers, at least three individuals in a team, in partnership with researchers of IRD (France) for a period of three or more years.
<http://www.ird.fr/fr/science/dsf/jeai/index.htm>

Royal Geographical Society - Grants: Multiple deadlines. The Society has 18 grant programs across four categories (research, students, teaching, and expeditions). Most grants are for individuals, and some are for UK residents only. Research grants focus on agricultural and pastoral systems, soil and water management, climate change, ecological surveys, and others. Grants range from £500 to £15 thousand. The Society posts a calendar of application deadlines.
<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Grants.htm>

Royal Society - Grants, Fellowships, Study Visits: Multiple deadlines. The Society's international program makes several types of grants to connect the UK with scientists in both developed and developing countries. This includes grants and fellowships in agriculture, animal health, biofuels, climate change, plant conservation, and other areas of science and technology. Each type of award has an application deadline, which can be researched on the Society's website. For all international grant programs, a UK-based host scientist must submit the application. The Society has agreements with science academies in several countries, and preference for funding is for organizations and citizens of those countries.
<http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1111>

Updates in Programs

New and Changed Grant Making, and New Organizations

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR): The CGIAR has launched Phase 2 of its Challenge Program on Water and Food (2009-2014). The first call for research proposals on water-related themes was for the river basins of the Andes, Mekong, and

Nile (application deadline 31 August 2009). Grant seekers should anticipate a call for proposals for the Ganges, Limpopo, and Volta river basins later in 2009.

<http://www.waterandfood.org/phase-2.html>

G8 Countries Offer US\$20 Billion for Agricultural Development: On the final day of their July summit in Italy, the G8 countries (Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, and the USA) pledged US\$20 billion for agricultural development over the next three years. This is approximately three times their current spending for aid to agriculture. The stated emphasis is enhanced agricultural productivity rather than food aid, and greater cooperation among the donor programs. (*Editor's note: Grant seekers need to be alert for how these commitments will be translated into specific programs and projects that have grant components for agricultural research.*)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8143566.stm>

Worldwatch Institute Will Launch Major Review of African Agriculture: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has made a grant of US\$1.3 million to Worldwatch Institute (USA) to review the effectiveness of innovations in agriculture in the developing world, with a focus on Africa. Examples of technologies and approaches to be examined include nitrogen-fixing plants, agricultural water management, agricultural seed and breeding programs, carbon credits, and women's decision making in agriculture. The project will culminate in the release of *State of the World 2011: Nourishing the Planet*. (*Editor's note: This high-profile project, with support by the Gates Foundation, could possibly influence future policy directions for agricultural research in Africa and beyond.*)

<http://www.worldwatch.org/node/6187>

Guidance for Grant Seekers Sources, Links, Tips, and Advice

In this section, we explore special topics inspired by the old proverb: "Give a family a fish, and you feed them for a day. Teach them how to fish, and they will never go hungry."

In 2009, we identify information sources on the internet where agricultural researchers can search for grant opportunities. We do not intend to cover all possibilities so much as to identify essential sites not to be missed. You may want to bookmark the addresses on your computer.

This newsletter will recommend the best websites for spotting prizes and awards available for young researchers in agriculture. In the four previous newsletters, we focused on where to search for funding from sources in: (1) Europe, (2) North America, (3) the Asia-Pacific Region; and (4) the International Organizations. Please consult the previous editions of *TVG-YPARD Funding News* for this information.

Information Sources for Grants in Agricultural Research No. 4: Prizes and Awards for Young Agricultural Researchers

Editor's Note: Here we list selected opportunities for junior and mid-level professionals, either as individuals or in partnership with rural communities and others. The focus is applied research in the agricultural sciences related to development. We omit academic fellowships, and we omit prizes and awards for career and lifetime accomplishments (i.e., applicable only for senior scientists). Moreover, we exclude prizes and awards that are mainly national or local in terms of eligibility for them.

Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy: The Ashden awards encourage the use of local sustainable energy to address climate change, alleviate poverty, and improve quality of life. Among the international submissions are projects on technologies and applied research in

renewable energies, including biofuels.

<http://www.ashdenawards.org/>

Ashoka Changemakers: Forums to share ideas on innovative solutions for development. Over 150 groups of social innovators include several in topics of agriculture, natural resources, and sustainable development. Competitions offer cash prizes for best innovations, by category.

<http://www.changemakers.com/en-us>

Borlaug Fellows Program: The Borlaug Fellowship Program matches participants from developing countries with partners in the USA and the international agricultural research centers for short-term training and research. Current priority countries: African women from Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zambia. Other priorities are Bulgaria, Ecuador, India, Iraq, Mauritania, Montenegro, Mexico, Peru, Poland, and Serbia.

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/ICD/borlaug/borlaug.htm>

Ebbe Nielsen Prize: Awarded annually to a promising researcher who combines research in biosystematics and biological diversity informatics. The prize is sponsored by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, based in Denmark.

http://www.gbif.org/GBIF_org/prize/

Equator Prize: The Equator Prize is awarded every two years to 25 outstanding community initiatives to reduce poverty through biodiversity conservation. Past winners have included several projects in agriculture and land management. The prize is sponsored by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

http://www.equatorinitiative.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=68&Itemid=206&greenSection=eqPrize&lang=en

GDN Awards and Medals Competition: The Global Development Network annually invites researchers from developing and transition countries to submit research proposals and completed papers for international competition. The themes of the competition change each year, and they generally feature policy and social sciences -- which could include topics in agricultural development.

<http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=competitions>

GE and Science Prize for Young Life Scientists: The prize is for recent PhDs in molecular science. There are four regional awards, and one global award.

<http://www1.gelifesciences.com/aptrix/upp01077.nsf/Content/science>

Goldman Environmental Prize: Six prizes are awarded each year to grassroots environmental activists. Each winner receives US\$150 thousand, the largest award in the world for grassroots environmentalists. (*Editor's Note: Agricultural research that has an applied conservation orientation may be relevant for the competition.*)

<http://www.goldmanprize.org/>

L'Oreal and UNESCO Women in Science Awards: L'Oreal and UNESCO are partners in offering awards and fellowships for women in science on a global basis. The physical and life sciences are recognized in alternating years. Senior women are honored with awards, while younger women compete for the fellowships.

<http://www.loreal.com/en/ww/index.aspx?direct1=00008&direct2=00008/00001>

Rolex Young Laureates Program: The program rewards creativity in five areas: science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment, and cultural preservation. Candidates must be between 18 and 30 years old.

<http://rolexawards.com/en/about-the-awards/young-laureates-programme.jsp>

Saint Andrews Prize for the Environment: Co-sponsored by the University of St Andrews and

the ConocoPhillips energy company, three prizes are awarded annually for practical solutions to environmental challenges around the globe. Winners represent the combination of good science, economic realism, and political acceptability. Projects related to soil and water management are among the kinds of entries that can win.

<http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/>

SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development: This is an annual international competition to support entrepreneurial partnerships in developing countries to make improvements in poverty eradication and environmental sustainability. The award winners are announced every year at the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development, New York. Initiatives related to sustainable agriculture and conservation of natural resources are among the types of projects that win awards.

<http://www.seedinit.org/about-the-seed-awards/index.html>

TWAS Prizes: Each year, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) awards prizes to young scientists in developing countries, including for research in the agricultural sciences.

<http://www.twas.org/>

WMO Research Award for Young Scientists: The World Meteorological Organization makes awards to young researchers for important science papers in meteorology.

http://www.wmo.int/pages/about/awards/research_en.html

Editor's Note: Please help us to correct the profiles above, and to recommend information sources that we may have overlooked. We will be pleased to post your contributions in future newsletters.

Contact Us at TVG-YPARD

Questions, Comments, Suggestions

We seek your feedback on TVG-YPARD Funding News. How can the service be improved and expanded? Can you suggest new concepts to produce and distribute funding news? We welcome innovative thinking "out of the box" to take this joint venture forward.

Also, we invite you to contribute items for posting in TVG-YPARD Funding News. We will consider including calls for proposals, updated changes in funding programs, profiles of grant makers, and tips for getting grants in agricultural research. We are mainly interested in items that have international or broad regional significance.

Please communicate with Dr. Jan Laarman, newsletter editor, at the following email address for the newsletter: tvgy.pard@gmail.com

Find more information on grants at Terra Viva Grants at <http://www.terravivagrants.org>

Thank you!