FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- FOR RESEARCHERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY SIDA -

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This is a selection of interesting funding opportunities throughout 2014, summarized by Sida’s research officers. Observe that the upcoming calls still open for application, are underlined in bold. Nevertheless, check other links for some new possible calls!

Another recommendation is to subscribe at
for getting the latest info on funding opportunities!

SANDWICH-LIKE PROGRAMS (PhD, postdoc)

➤ French Institute for Development Research (IRD) - - BEST Exchanges in Science and Technology, Call 2014
The program BEST funds researchers, Engineers, and technicians in the global South to travel to institutions in France or other countries to improve their knowledge and skills. BEST offers grant support from two months to twelve months, spread over up to four years. Priority is for applicants from Africa and the Mediterranean Basin, but eligibility extends to the entire developing world. The deadline for applications (French, English) is 12 May 2014.

➤ German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) -- Postgraduate Studies in Germany 2015-2016
DAAD offers scholarships for qualified applicants from developing countries who enroll at German universities for development-related studies, normally ranging from 12-36 months. Several offerings are available in agricultural and forest sciences; environmental sciences; and other subject areas. Application deadlines vary across the German universities and from program to program, but the usual deadline for DAAD scholarships applied for at German embassies is 31 July. However, applicants should carefully review the closing dates of each program.
https://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/entwicklung/hochschulen/ast/2015_epos.pdf

➤ TWAS PhD, Postdoctoral, and Visiting Scholar Fellowships (call is now open with a final September deadline)
The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) is accepting applications for the 2014 session of fellowships from April 2014 to September 2014 for placements to commence in 2015.
TWAS has over 500 fellowship opportunities available to scientists from developing countries in natural sciences that currently hold a minimum qualification of an MSc degree. On offer are 313 full time and/or sandwich PhD opportunities offered by 12 programme partners in Brazil, China, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico and Pakistan. There are also 141 Postdoctoral opportunities available in Brazil, India, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan and Thailand. Along with PhD and Postdoctoral fellowships the call is also open for 48 Visiting Scholar opportunities for senior scientists available in Kenya, Malaysia and Pakistan.

http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-twass-fellowships

➤ TWAS Fellowship and Grant Opportunities
http://www.twas.org/opportunities

➤ World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) -- Postdoctoral Fellowships
Several upcoming deadlines in Kenya, Malaysia, and Mexico.
http://www.twas.org/opportunities/fellowships/postdoc

INNOVATION

➤ Global Innovation Fund

The Global Innovation Fund invests in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. Through our grants and risk capital, we support breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from social enterprises, for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, researchers, and government agencies.

http://globalinnovation.fund/

➤ ISTIC-TWAS joint initative

The International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for the South-South Cooperation and TWAS are collaborating on a project aimed at identifying, rewarding and disseminating best practices in the innovative use of science and technology in the development of new products, processes or services that have had impacts on economic development in the South.

During the initial phase of the project, scientists, entrepreneurs and others are invited to submit summaries of their experience using the attached document by *1 April 2015*. Authors of the best 10-15 case studies, as judged by a panel of experts, will be invited to present full-length reports at a workshop in Malaysia scheduled for 10-11 October 2015.

During the workshop, the best three presentations will be rewarded with a cash prize of USD5,000, USD3,000 and USD2,000, respectively. The case studies of all finalists will be published by ISTIC and TWAS and made freely available throughout the South.

http://istic-unesco.org/

➤ Grand Challenges:
Explorations

Rewarding Innovative Ideas - The grant program is open to anyone from any discipline, from student to tenured professor, and from any organization – colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for-profit companies.

http://www.grandchallenges.org/Explorations/Pages/Introduction.aspx

USAID, the Government of Norway, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada, and DFID. Funding innovative ideas that can leapfrog conventional approaches in three main domains: (1) technology; (2) service delivery; and (3) “demand side” innovation that empowers pregnant women and their families to practice healthy behaviours and be aware of and access health care during pregnancy, childbirth and the early postnatal period, especially the first two days after birth.

http://www.savinglivesatbirth.net/

Grand Challenges Canada, which is funded by the Government of Canada, has developed the Stars in Global Health program to support Bold Ideas with Big Impact from the best and brightest talent, both in low- and middle-income countries and in Canada, to use scientific/technical, social and business innovation to address some of the most pressing global health challenges.

http://www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/stars-phase-i/
http://www.grandchallenges.ca/stars-r4-grantees-en/

Grand Challenges Canada: Support of bold ideas to improve treatments and expand access to care for mental disorders through transformational, affordable and cost-effective innovations which have the potential to be sustainable at scale.

http://www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/global-mental-health/

USAID (Global Development Lab):

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) supports breakthrough solutions to the world’s most intractable development challenges by finding and testing bold ideas that could change millions of lives at a fraction of the usual cost. The DIV model begins with an open grant competition for innovative ideas, pilots and tests them using cutting-edge analytical methods, and scales solutions that demonstrate widespread impact and cost-effectiveness.

http://www.usaid.gov/div

Desal prize

https://www.thedesalprize.net/
USAID, Sweden, Netherlands

Support the best science and technology innovations that can desalinate brackish water for human and agricultural use. We encourage innovations from applicants in any eligible country.

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research -- Green Talents Competition 2014

"Green Talents" annually makes 25 awards to individuals worldwide for their original solutions for a more sustainable future. The winning applicants are invited to a two-
week science forum and networking program in Germany, followed by the opportunity of a return visit to conduct research in Germany. Past winners include many in renewable energy, water management, and environmental engineering.

http://www.greentalents.de

➢ The SEVEN Fund invests in the most innovative voices in Enterprise Solutions to Poverty. SEVEN co-funds the global Pioneers of Prosperity program, which identifies, highlights, and invests in the world’s top entrepreneurs in Africa, Central America, and the Caribbean.

http://www.sevenfund.org/

➢ Innovations Against Poverty has two parallel application processes; one for small grants (under €20,000) and one for large grants (€20,000 - €200,000). The process is of a competitive nature, where grants are awarded to the best business plans which meet the criteria of the programme. First, the companies need to meet the eligibility criteria (outlined in the Guide for Applicants) to be considered. Among those companies a selection process takes place which rates how well the criteria are fulfilled by the information provided in the application. Finally the applications are ranked against one another.

http://www.sida.se/English/Partners/Private-sector/Collaboration-opportunities/Challenge-Funds/Innovations-against-poverty/How-to-apply/

REGION: AFRICA

➢ Gates foundation:

Program for Emerging Agricultural Research Leaders 2014 Africa deadline Pre-proposal deadline: September 7th, 2014

http://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/General-Information/Grant-Opportunities/Program-for-Emerging-Agricultural-Research-Leaders-2014

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funds the Program for Emerging Agricultural Research Leaders (PEARL) to advance agricultural research with the potential to increase the sustainable productivity of smallholder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa. The call is for projects led by MSc and PhD scientists at national agricultural research institutions and universities in Sub-Saharan Africa, working in collaboration with other researchers internationally (either within Africa or beyond the continent). The 2014 PEARL call is restricted to proposals relevant to staple crops grown in Africa.

➢ PhD Scholarships under TRECCAfrica (15 May deadline)

The Transdisciplinary Training on Resource Efficiency and Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (TRECCAfrica) is an Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme, a consortium coordinated by Stellenbosch University (South Africa) that comprises 7 African universities and associated networks and foundations, with funding from the European
Commission. The programme awards scholarships to postgraduate students and staff from various African countries to study at one of the consortium partners. Applications for PhD full-degree positions are now open to students who are currently enrolled at any of the partner institutions.

http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-phd-scholarships-under-treccafria

➢ **DFID-NERC Future Climate for Africa (2 June and 15 July deadlines)** Two separate calls for proposals are announced under this major new research programme, Future Climate for Africa (FCFA) funded by DFID and NERC.

  o **FCFA – Regional Consortium Grants 2014:** Outline proposals are invited for FCFA Regional Consortium Grants 2014. This interdisciplinary call aims to advance scientific understanding and prediction of African climate variability and change to inform medium-term adaptation decisions (5-40 years), and develop knowledge, tools and methods to better integrate this science into decision making today. Closing date (Outline Proposals): 16:00 UK local time (GMT+1), Tuesday 15 July 2014.

  o **Full proposals are invited for FCFA – Global Climate Model Development for Africa Project 2014.** This call, one component of FCFA, aims to deliver a step-change in the performance of Global Circulation Models for Africa and to make a long-term contribution to model development with an African lens. Closing date (Notification of Intent): 16:00 UK local time (GMT+1), Monday 2 June 2014; Closing date (full Proposals): 16:00 UK local time (GMT+1), Tuesday 5 August 2014.

  http://start.org/announcements/call-for-proposals-transformations-to-sustainability-seed-funding

➢ **FARA and Wageningen University Research Centre (WUR)** invite applications for the position of Post-Doctoral Fellow, researching e-Agriculture for development in the context of Humidtropics R4D platforms in East Africa. Following the rapid development in ICT and the Internet in East Africa, a new field of e-Agriculture is emerging which holds the promise of empowerment of local farmers, new possibilities for democratisation of everyday practices through participation, and increased accountability and legitimacy. The aim of the research is to better understand the potential of mobile technology for improving downward accountability and upward legitimacy related to communication and innovation processes in Research for Development (R4D) platforms.

http://ow.ly/x5JC7

**REGION: ASIA-PACIFIC**

➢ **United Nations University -- Prosper.Net-Scopus Young Scientist Awards 2014**

The Award recognizes young scientists and researchers in the Asia-Pacific region in the field of sustainable development. The themes in 2014 are disaster risk reduction; sustainable agriculture; and waste. Winners receive fellowships through the Alexander
von Humboldt Foundation for research with partners in Germany, in addition to a small cash prize. The closing date for applications is 20 May 2014. 

➤ Nagao Natural Environment Foundation -- Research Grants 2014
The NEF Research Grants fund research in support of nature conservation, emphasizing developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Applicants should be nationals of Asian-Pacific countries, and their research projects should be carried out in their home countries. Grants are a maximum of 500 thousand Japanese yen for a maximum period of two years. The closing dates for applications are 11 April 2014 and 24 October 2014. 
http://www.nagaofoundation.or.jp/research_e/research06.html

➤ APN Proposal Development Training Workshop (18 May deadline)
The Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) annual Proposal Development Training Workshop (PDTW) will be held from 9–11 July 2014 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The training workshop is designed to enhance the capacity of developing country young scientists and practitioners to develop competitive project proposals for funding. Considering limited financial resources and the numbers that can be accommodated for an effective workshop (about 25), participants will be selected on a “first come, first served” basis. 
http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-apn-proposal-development-training-workshop

➤ Australian Government -- Australia Awards Endeavor Scholarships and Fellowships 2015
The Endeavor Awards provide opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region, Middle East, Europe, and the Americas to undertake study, research, and professional development in Australia. The program also supports outgoing Australians. The categories of awards vary by purpose, funding levels, duration (short and long-term), and country eligibility. The application deadline is 30 June 2014. 

➤ Call for Papers: Climate Change, Disasters, and Indigenous Practices in South Asia (1 June deadline)
This regional symposium proposed for Thursday, 16 October 2014 in Madison, Wisconsin (USA) will bring together scientists, planners, and scholars of social science and humanities to examine the best available projections highlighting the impact of climate change and possible responses to it. Through the synergies created, we hope to spark greater research interest in this very serious subject, as well as assemble data that may be useful to policy makers and responders. 
AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY

- Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences -- International Awards for Young Agricultural Researchers 2014
  JIRCAS makes awards of US$5 thousand to each of up to three young agricultural researchers in developing countries who contribute to outstanding research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related themes. Candidates need to be younger than age 40. The deadline for applications is 13 June 2014.

- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute -- Research in Tropical Forests
  The CTFS-SIGEO Grants Program supports tropical forest research by senior researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students. Social scientists and natural scientists of all nationalities are eligible. Preference is to scientists in the countries that have CTFS-SIGEO sites, and to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. Most grants will range from US$2 thousand to US$15 thousand. The deadline for applications is 20 June 2014.
  [http://www.ctfs.si.edu/group/Grants+%26+Training/Grants](http://www.ctfs.si.edu/group/Grants+%26+Training/Grants)

- Tree Fund -- Grants for Arboriculture and Urban Forestry
  The Jack Kimmel International Grant Program makes grants to researchers in arboriculture and urban forestry worldwide. Projects of one to three years are funded to a maximum of US$10 thousand. The application deadline is 01 October of each year.
  [http://www.treefund.org/grants/research-grants/kimmel](http://www.treefund.org/grants/research-grants/kimmel)

GLOBAL HEALTH

- Gates foundation: Open LOI Global Health Grants
  - Enteric & Diarrheal Diseases
  - HIV
  - Malaria
  - Neglected Infectious Diseases
  - Pneumonia

ENVIRONMENT

- Zoological Society of London (ZSL) -- EDGE Research and Conservation of 100 Bird Species
  ZSL’s EDGE of Existence Program provides fellowships for two-year projects in research and conservation of EDGE (Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered) species,
including EDGE birds. The program is open to early-career conservation biologists who are nationals or residents of the country in which the EDGE species occur. EDGE Fellows receive a grant of up to £10 thousand per year; an opportunity to attend two regional training courses and to undertake online modules in relevant topics; and one-to-one support from a scientific advisor. The application deadline for the EDGE call on birds is 30 May 2014. [http://www.edgeofexistence.org/conservation/become_fellow.php](http://www.edgeofexistence.org/conservation/become_fellow.php)

- **Winter School: Using climate information for adaptation and policy development (31 May deadline)**
The Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG) based at the University of Cape Town will be running its annual course, ‘Winter School: Using climate information for adaptation and policy development’, from 30 June-11 July 2014. This 2-week intensive course has been developed specifically for participants from developing countries and aims to take participants through the full spectrum of climate and climate change related topics. [http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-winter-school-using-climate-information](http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-winter-school-using-climate-information)

- **Request for Reviewers: Working Group Proposals for Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (1 August deadline)**
Eight working group proposals that have been submitted to the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) Secretariat for consideration at the 2014 SCOR General Meeting are available on the SCOR Web site. The Executive Committee invites comments from SCOR National Committees, individuals, and interested organizations to assist in the review of these proposals. [http://start.org/announcements/request-for-reviewers-sc](http://start.org/announcements/request-for-reviewers-sc)

- **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) -- Conservation in the Mediterranean Basin**
As an element in its worldwide programs, the CEPF makes grants in support of biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean Basin biodiversity hotspot. The current call for proposals is open only for large grants (US$20 thousand to US$200 thousand) for integrated coastal zone management in the following countries: Algeria, Cape Verde, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. The deadline for letters of inquiry (English, French) is 25 May 2014. [http://www.kaowarsom.be/en/competitions](http://www.kaowarsom.be/en/competitions)

- **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew -- Bentham-Moxon Trust**
Through the Bentham-Moxon Trust, Kew Gardens (UK) makes 30 to 40 small grants per year to botanists and horticulturalists for plant collection and field research; international visits or work at Kew; travel and conferences; and other project support. Preference is for grants that involve a developing country. The closing date for applications is 30 September. [http://www.kew.org/about/our-work/bentham-moxon-trust](http://www.kew.org/about/our-work/bentham-moxon-trust)
SOCIAL STUDIES/HUMANITIES

➤ Humanitarian Summer School 2014 (1 June deadline)
   The Humanitarian Summer School, as a part of the Master in Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM) program, wants to bring highly talented and motivated master students, and PhD candidates in the area of logistics, humanitarian aid, public service, or non-profit management together with humanitarian mid-career practitioners. There are two courses: (1) Games For Humanitarian & Development Work 25 – 27 June, 2014 and (2) Humanitarian Problem Solving Lab 3 – 5 July, 2014.
   http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-humanitarian-summer-school-2014

➤ Calls for Proposals / Papers: Transformations to Sustainability Programme and Preparatory Call for Seed Funding (31 May deadline for proposals)
   The International Social Science Council (ISSC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new global research funding programme on transformations to sustainability. This programme will promote research on the fundamental and innovative processes of social transformations needed to secure effective, equitable and durable solutions to some of today’s most urgent challenges of global change and sustainability. The transformations programme will support researchers from the social, behavioural and economic sciences to take the lead in developing international Transformative Knowledge Networks.
   http://start.org/announcements/call-for-proposals-transformations-to-sustainability-seed-funding

CLIMATE

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   http://start.org/announcements/call-for-applications-winter-school-using-climate-information

GENERAL RESEARCH

➤ VR:
   o U-forsk closed for 2014
     http://www.vr.se/inenglish/researchfunding/fundinggranted/uforsk.4.7257118313b2995b0f283c9.html
- **Swedish Research Links** *closed for 2014*
  
  [http://www.vr.se/inenglish/researchfunding/fundinggranted/swedishresearchlinks.4.55b9d3b811f177315728000933.html](http://www.vr.se/inenglish/researchfunding/fundinggranted/swedishresearchlinks.4.55b9d3b811f177315728000933.html)

- **UHR Linnaeus Palme** *deadline November 15 2014*
  
  Only for master students!
  

- **International Foundation for Science** *currently no open calls*
  
  Through research grants, workshops and mentoring, IFS supports young developing country scientists to establish their research careers.
  
  [www.ifs.se](http://www.ifs.se)

- **Participation Opportunity: Current LCLUC Challenges in SCERIN-Assessing Ecosystem Function and Processes**
  
  The second meeting of GOFC-GOLD South Central and East European Regional Information Network (SCERIN-2) is planned for 9-10 June 2014. It will be hosted by Drs. K. Ostapowicz and J. Kozak, Institute of Geography and Spatial Management at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. SCERINs goals are to promote the use and improve the quality and availability of Earth System remote-sensing data in South Central and Eastern Europe (SCE). SCERIN-2 will focus on regional and local issues related to satellite data products, methodologies, and end users.
  

- **Horizon 2020**: EU research and innovation framework programme. Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. It is mostly targeted to European researchers; however, there is a big window of opportunity for world-wide collaborative projects. See a number of upcoming calls listed here:
  