



TVG-YPARD Funding News

November - December 2009

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 April 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 I'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie, Le Bureau Afrique Centrale: Calls for proposals on inter-university collaboration in research and training. 22 December is the application deadline.

<http://www.auf.org/regions/afrique-centrale/actualites/projets-de-cooperation-scientifique-inter-universitaire-appel-d-offre.html>

NEW Australia, Queensland Government – National and International Research Alliances: Research grants involving a Queensland-based entity with national and international partners. Grants are between A\$200 thousand and A\$2 million for one to three years. 05 November is the application deadline.

<http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=8166>

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

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. 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

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

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

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

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

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), Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN): 22 December 2009 is the proposal deadline. The ITN supports training and career development of researchers. Multi-party ITNs may include the participation of international organizations and institutions in non-EU countries in consortia with at least three EU participants.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=247&act_code=mca&ID_ACTIVITY=12

NEW European Commission (EC), Projects in Individual Countries with Possibilities for Research Components: Search EC's funding calls by Reference Number for the following projects:

- Ref 129086, Rural Investments in Nicaragua (closes 06 November 2009)
- Ref 128769, Food Security in Burundi (closes 30 November 2009)
- Ref 129118, Food Security in Afghanistan (closes 21 January 2010)
- Ref 128998, Water Management in Afghanistan (forecast).

Editor's Note: We are not assuming that research can be funded. Grant seekers should form their own views on this after consulting each project document.

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1250598602404&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en>

NEW Global Crop Diversity Trust with CGIAR's Generation Challenge Program, Third Call for Proposals for Evaluation of Crop Genetic Resources: 15 December 2009 is the application deadline. Competitive grants to screen collections of crop genetic resources, targeting traits important to the poor, in particular in the context of climate change. Grants will be awarded in the range of US\$5 thousand to US\$30 thousand for projects of up to two years.
<http://www.croptrust.org/main/screening.php?itemid=516>

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

NEW Leverhulme Trust with the Royal Society, Africa Awards: 01 February 2010 is the closing date for applications. The Leverhulme Trust and the Royal Society jointly sponsor the Africa Awards for collaborative research between the UK and Ghana and Tanzania. Priority research areas include agriculture, biodiversity, energy, and others. Grants are up to £150 thousand over three years. One applicant must be from UK, and the other from either Ghana or Tanzania.
<http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=8079>

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>

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>

NEW Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS): Pre-proposals are due 12 December 2009. SNIS promotes inter-disciplinary research on development issues that cross national borders. The theme for 2010 is new forms of international and global cooperation in fields such as biodiversity, environmental management, sustainable development, and many others. A relevant Swiss institution must lead the application.
<http://www.snis.ch/res/CallforProposals2010-Final.pdf>

NEW United Nations University with Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, Joint Program on Science and Technology for Sustainability: 30 November 2009 is deadline for pre-proposals. Funding to researchers from developing countries in themes of climate change, sustainable energy, hazardous chemicals, and others.
<http://www.ony.unu.edu/news/2010-call-for-research-proposa.html>

Updates in Programs

New and Changed Grant Making, and New Organizations

Canada Announces a Food Security Research Fund: On World Food Day (16 October), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Canada's International Development Research Center announced the launch of a new Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (IFSR Fund). The IFSR Fund is part of Canada's stepped-up aid for international agriculture. Initial funding is C\$50 million from CIDA and about C\$12 million from IDRC. *Editor's Note: Grant seekers should monitor CIDA and IDRC for implementation details.*
<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/NAD-1019134236-NS7>

CGIAR's Generation Challenge Program Launches Platform for Plant Molecular Breeding:

The Generation Challenge Program of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research recently announced a 5-year Molecular Breeding Platform to focus on molecular-assisted breeding of seven crops across 15 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Additionally, the Platform will be an open facility to offer technologies and services to other institutions working in crop breeding. Funding is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, with additional support by UK's DFID and the European Commission (EC).
<http://wiki.cimmyt.org/confluence/display/MBP/Home>

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 discuss how to conduct internet searches for grants. In the previous newsletters, we focused on where to search for grant funding from sources in: (1) Europe, (2) North America, (3) the Asia-Pacific Region; and (4) the International Organizations. In (5), we focused on prizes and awards available for young researchers in agriculture. Please consult the previous editions of *TVG-YPARD Funding News* for this information.

Information Sources for Grants in Agricultural Research No. 6: Internet Search

Searching the internet for grants opportunities by browsing for key words can be tedious and sometimes frustrating. However, you should experiment to develop approaches that work best for you. Here we illustrate with searches in English on Google, although you can choose the search engine of your choice.

We will use the template of Google advanced search, adhering to the terminology below.

- All: All these words
- Exact: This exact wording or phrase
- One or more: One or more of these words
- Unwanted: Any of these unwanted words

1st Search: Broad search for grants with reference to this year in agricultural research, with relevance to Africa and Asia. Exclude information from 2008 and prior years.

All: grants funding 2009
Exact: agricultural research

One or more: Africa Asia international
Unwanted: 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 (etc)

Result → The search generates 10,700 items, the first of which makes reference to TVG-YPARD Funding News! We also find travel grants by ACIAR-Australia, small grants for agricultural research by GTZ-Germany, a call for proposals on agricultural innovations for climate change by the African Technology Policy Studies Network, and several others. In general, this search was effective.

2nd Search: This will narrow from the first search by aiming for grants on horticultural research in Tanzania with reference to next year.

All: grants funding 2010
Exact: horticultural research
One or more: Tanzania
Unwanted: 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 (etc.)

Result → “Your search did not match any documents.” We came up with nothing. However, now you can go back and broaden this search by substituting Africa for Tanzania, removing 2010, and experimenting with other changes to produce a more satisfactory result.

3rd Search: This next search is to learn about agricultural research in or associated with Europe and its connections with Africa and/or Asia.

All: agricultural research
Exact: Europe
One or more: Africa Asia international

Result → This generates 55,200,000 items. If we filter to remove items in the decade before 2009, we are left with 6,990,000 items. This remains a huge compilation. However, for individuals with patience, this shows the hundreds of programs, initiatives, etc., connecting Europe with Africa and Asia in matters of agricultural research. This may generate ideas for collaborative partnerships.

The preceding are illustrations. This is to encourage each individual to practice the techniques of internet search in relation to your professional interests, the situation of your local internet connectivity, and the amount of time you have to sit at the computer. Happy grants hunting!

Editor's Note: Please help us correct information in this newsletter, and recommend information 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.

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