



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

Posting Dates

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

Prizes for the Developing World – Prizes: TWAS Prizes in agricultural and natural sciences. Nominations are due 31 March 2010.
<http://www.twas-prizes.org/prizes/twas-prizes>

Grants for the Developing World – Grants for Scientific Meetings: Grants to support national scientific meetings in developing countries. Agricultural sciences, biological sciences, and other fields. 01 June and 01 December are deadlines for applications.
<http://www.twas-prizes.org/search?SearchableText=grants+for+meetings>

Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) – Fellowships:

AWARD invites applications for its 2010 fellowships to advance the careers of African women scientists and professionals for pro-poor agricultural research and development that benefits rural communities, especially women. Application deadline is 22 March 2010.
<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/2010%20AWARD%20Fellowships%20Call%20for%20Applications%20Jan%202010.pdf>

Foundation – Grants in Plant Science: Grants for plant science in support of the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, France with international partners. Call for proposals on "grand challenges" linking integrative plant biology with social and technological innovations. Application deadline is 03 March 2010.
<http://www.inra.fr/uk/supporting-science/call-for-proposals.html>

International Food Security Research Fund – Collaborative Research: There are two calls for research to improve agricultural productivity and nutrition in the developing world. Canadian organizations collaborate with organizations in eligible developing countries. The first call is open to organizations already working in existing partnerships, with an application deadline of 15 March 2010. The second call is for concept notes from existing or new partnerships, with a deadline of 31 March 2010. Applicants are academic, private sector, civil society, or research-based organizations.
http://www.ifsr.org/en/ev-151057-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Food, and Health Foundation - Grants: Concept notes are due 01 January for proposals submitted in May, and 01 July for proposals reviewed in November. Grants to NGOs in the area of nutrition and sustainable agriculture (in addition to health). Grants support research on specific problems in order to build capacity in developing countries. No overheads.

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

International Development Group on International Agricultural Research, IFAR Small Grants:

IFAR's Development Program 2010 invites scientists at national agricultural research institutions in Africa and South Asia to apply for small grants. Applications must be endorsed by one of the IFAR's research centers. The closing date for receipt of proposals is 10 March 2010.

<http://www.ifar4dev.org/>

Swedish Research Council -- Grants for Research in Ecological Agriculture: Applications from all countries are welcome. Applications should be mailed to Ekhaga's postal address before 31 March 2010.

<http://www.svstiftelsen.se/eng/ansokan.html>

Marie Curie International Research Scheme (EC), Research Directorate (FP7): Marie Curie International Research Scheme. Call for proposals in support of staff training and career development of researchers (PEOPLE-2010-IRSES). Eligible organizations are from the EU, associated countries that have S&T agreements with the EU (or in process), and countries in the neighbourhood Policy. Several developing countries qualify under these criteria. The closing date is 25 March 2010.

http://ec.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=245&ACTIVITY=12

Commission (EC) -- Projects in Individual Countries with Possibilities for Funding: Search EC's funding calls by Reference Number for the following

- Food Security in Mongolia (closes 01 March 2010)
- Fisheries and Agriculture in Turkey (closes 22 March 2010)
- Food Security in Palestine (closes 01 April 2010)
- Poverty Reduction in Tajikistan (closes 24 May 2010).
- Strengthening the Agricultural Ministry in Afghanistan (forecast)
- Support to Fruit Tree Nurseries in Afghanistan (forecast)
- Food Security in Bolivia (forecast)

Do not assume that research can be funded. Grant seekers should form their own view on this after consulting each project document.

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

Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology) – Latin America: Call for proposals for research on agriculture research in relation to climate change. Open to applicants from Latin America. Most proposals are submitted by consortia of multiple organizations. Application deadline is 21 April 2010.

www.fontagro.org

French Research Establishment Agency for Development Research (AIRD) – Research in France:

Call for proposals SYSTERRA 2010. Research in ecological agriculture, soil biology, plant protection, biodiversity, carbon storage, and the collaboration of researchers from the global "South" with French institutions. The closing date is 29 March 2010.

<http://www.appels-offres/systemerra.htm>

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) – Research

Germany: The BMBF will provide funding to connect universities, research companies in Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe with German partners for education. The preparation projects will align with funding themes in BMBF, EU programs. The "green sectors" (agriculture, energy, environment, fisheries, etc.) are included. Application deadline is 31 March 2010.

[co.net/call/74342.html](http://www.bmbf.de/eng/co.net/call/74342.html)

International Foundation for Science (IFS) – Young Scientists: IFS makes grants to scientists in developing countries for research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food systems, agroforestry, aquatic resources, natural products, water resources, etc. Grants are available in natural science and social science. Applications are accepted all year, but IFS has two periodic deadlines of 30 June and 31 December.

[index.asp](http://www.ifs.ac.uk/index.asp)

Leverhulme Trust – International Research Networks: Leverhulme makes grants for research networks on any topic and in any discipline. The principal investigator must be based in the UK. The value of an award is normally up to £125 thousand, and a network can last up to three years. Closing dates are 21 March, 01 September, and 01

[leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/)

Monsanto – Grants: Among other themes, Monsanto funds projects in nutritional research through agriculture. Application deadlines for grant requests are 01 January and 01 July (for applications originating from outside the USA).

[monsantofund.org/asp/Qualifications_and_Procedures/NONUSA_qualifications.asp](http://www.monsantofund.org/asp/Qualifications_and_Procedures/NONUSA_qualifications.asp)

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) – Research Collaboration

Call for proposals in inter-disciplinary research for the benefit of development in the "South." Themes include poverty and hunger, sustainable development, and selected other issues framed by the Millennium Development Goals. Proposals must be submitted by senior Dutch researchers in collaboration with partners in one or more developing countries. Application deadline is 06 April 2010.

www.nwo.nl/subsidiewijzer.nsf/pages/NWOA_6XRG52_Eng

New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID) – Research

International Research Fund (IDRF): NZAID calls for applications under the International Research Fund (IDRF), which is open to researchers in New Zealand in partnership with researchers from developing countries on themes of sustainable economic development. Application deadline is 14 May 2010.

[govt.nz/what-we-do/idrf-application-guidelines.html](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/what-we-do/idrf-application-guidelines.html)

Inter-American Institute of Geography and History – Call for Proposals: Call for proposals in support of PAIGH's Agenda 2010-2020. Themes include sustainable development, climate change, land-use planning, natural disasters, and environmental issues in member countries of the Organization of American States. Application deadline is

www.iaigh.org/cooperacion-tecnica/

International – Research Collaboration with UK: International research projects in collaboration with UK agricultural scientists. Application deadline is 07 May

[iaigh-international.org/RIFS_applying_deadlines.shtml](http://www.iaigh.org/iaigh-international.org/RIFS_applying_deadlines.shtml)

International Joint Research Projects in the Life Sciences, UK with

es in 2010: Eligible countries are European and former Soviet Union Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, and Latin America. In 2010, there will be three rounds of applications. Application March, 29 July, and 25 November – except for Russia and China. Deadlines for will be sometime in September 2010.

[org/International-Joint-Projects/](http://royalsociety.org/International-Joint-Projects/)

ety – Travel Grants: Application deadlines in 2010 are 01 February, 30 y.

<http://royalsociety.org/International-Travel-Grants/>

ersities of Applied Sciences (UAS) and Universities of Teacher Education n Collaboration with Switzerland: UAS/UTE announces a call for proposals development cooperation with developing and transition countries. The program ooperation supports themes of research and information transfer related to pppment via collaborations of Swiss and partner institutions. Draft (outline) ue 02 April 2010.

<http://www.kfh.ch/index.cfm?nav=14&>

n Foundation – Research on Global Challenges: "Europe and Global support up to ten international and interdisciplinary research groups addressing Research institutions in the EU cooperate with partners in other parts of the te: *Grants awarded in 2009 include several with green themes.* Proposals are 10.

[agenstiftung.de/service/news/article/129/europe-e=1&L=1&cHash=fae384ab13](http://www.fraunhofer.de/service/news/article/129/europe-e=1&L=1&cHash=fae384ab13)

d Prize – Inviting Nominations for 2010: The annual World Food Prize who have demonstrated exceptional achievement to enhance food production nd to increase food availability and accessibility to those most in need. be submitted by any academic or research institution, private or public orate entity, or governmental unit. Nominations close 01 April 2010.

[worldprize.org/nominate/nominate.htm](http://worldfoodprize.org/nominate/nominate.htm)

– Inviting Nominations for 2010: The Yara Prize is awarded for contributions r and poverty in Africa. The Prize can be awarded to any individual or of individuals, as well as to established institutions, associations, organizations, dies. The nomination deadline is 01 April 2010.

http://www.yara.com/sustainability/africa_program/the_yara_prize/nomination/selection_process.spx

with No Closing Dates

each edition of *Funding News* adds new grant makers, and/or reinforces year 2009)

d for Agricultural Development: IFAD organizes its grants into those which it t the country level, and those which it makes available at regional and global grants for agricultural research (particularly to the centers of the Consultative ural Research); grants to governments; and grants to NGOs. Grants at the be aligned with IFAD's country strategies, supporting IFAD's loan portfolio. (<US\$200 thousand) focus on capacity building, technical assistance, , and rural innovation.

[/operations/index.htm](http://www.ifad.org/operations/index.htm)

Rockefeller Foundation: The Rockefeller Foundation had an important role in driving the original Green Revolution in Asia and Latin America. It currently supports AGRA (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa), along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in the challenge to extend agricultural productivity to Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to its long-standing support for agriculture, the Foundation makes grants in themes for climate change, rural innovations, and others.

<http://www.rockfound.org/grants/grants.shtml>

U.S. National Science Foundation program in Developing Country Collaborations in Plant Genome Research: The DCC-PGR links researchers in the USA with partners from developing countries to solve problems of mutual interest in agriculture, energy, and the environment.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12789

Updates in Programs

New and Changed Grant Making, and New Organizations

Launch of the Food Security Center at Hohenheim University: The new Food Security Center will officially open with a ceremony at the Palace of Hohenheim on 12 March 2010. The Center is funded by Germany's DAAD, BMZ, and the foundation Fiat Panis. The Center will support several related initiatives in agricultural research at the PhD and post-doctoral levels for North-South, South-North, and South-South research cooperation. *Editor's Note: Some calls for 2010 proposals remain open.*

<https://fsc.uni-hohenheim.de/77665.html>

ACIAR Announces the Pacific Agribusiness Research and Development Initiative:

Coordinated by ACIAR (Australian Center for International Agricultural Research), this new program aims to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and Kiribati. Partners in the Pacific include the Secretariat of the Pacific Community; the University of the South Pacific; national agricultural, forestry, and marine departments in each country; and national agricultural research systems.

<http://www.aciar.gov.au/node/11809>

Walmart Foundation Funds Project for Peru Agriculture: Walmart Foundation is the largest corporate foundation in the USA. It recently made a grant to the international charity CARE for capacity building of women agriculturalists in the highlands of Peru. The project will develop value chains for artichoke, white corn, avocado, and other fresh vegetables. *Editor's Note: The project is significant because Walmart Foundation has not been identified with funding for international agriculture. It raises the question of whether the Foundation will continue its interest along these lines.*

<http://walmartstores.com/FactsNews/NewsRoom/9653.aspx>

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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: tvq.ypard@gmail.com

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

Thank you!