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## Scholarships and Fellowships

### Sustainability Science Program at Harvard University's Center for International Development

**What:** Resident fellowships in sustainability science for the University's academic year beginning in September 2012. Applicants should describe how their work would contribute to "sustainability science," the emerging field of use-inspired research seeking understanding of the interactions between human and environmental systems as well as the application of such knowledge to sustainability challenges relating to advancing development of agriculture, habitation, energy and materials, health and water while conserving the earth's life support systems. This year preference is given to applicants whose work addresses challenges of innovation for sustainable development, with special attention to innovation in the energy, health and agricultural sectors.

**Who:** Advanced doctoral and post-doctoral students, and to mid-career professionals engaged in research or practice to facilitate the design, implementation, and evaluation of effective interventions that promote sustainable development.

Special funding for the Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowships in Sustainability Science is available to support citizens of Italy or developing countries.

**When:** The closing date is 15 January 2012.

**More:** [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP\\_6H2G7R\\_Eng?OpenDocument&nav=Rubicon09\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6H2G7R_Eng?OpenDocument&nav=Rubicon09_Eng)

### The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW): The Rubicon Program

**What:** The Rubicon program is directed at promising young postdoctoral researchers who are still at the start of their careers but whose academic strengths give them the potential to become established figures in the Dutch research world. Young researchers spend up to two years at a top research institution outside the Netherlands or one year at an excellent Dutch research institution. The program also offers talented researchers from abroad the opportunity to obtain grants to spend one year conducting research in the Netherlands.

**Who:** Researchers from all scientific disciplines.

**When:** The next deadline is 1 December 2011.

**More:** [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP\\_6H2G7R\\_Eng?OpenDocument&nav=Rubicon09\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6H2G7R_Eng?OpenDocument&nav=Rubicon09_Eng)

### Asian Development Bank: Japan Scholarship Program

**What:** The Japan Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for well-qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at participating academic institutions in the Asian and Pacific Region. The ADB-JSP provides full scholarships for one to two years.

**Who:** Citizens of ADB's developing member countries, not older than 35 years old.

**When:** Applications must be received at least 6 months prior to commencement of studies.

**More:** <http://www.adb.org/JSP/>

**More:** <http://www.slb.com/content/about/foundation/facultyfuture.asp#apply>

## Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI)

**What:** STRI offers various fellowship opportunities:

### ***Three-year Postdoctoral Fellowships in Tropical Biology***

Research should be based at one of STRI's facilities, but proposals that include comparative research on other tropical countries will be considered. Deadline - January 15, 2012.

### ***Short-Term Fellowships***

Primarily for graduate students but awards are made occasionally to undergraduate and postdoctoral candidates. These fellowships enable selected candidates to work in the tropics and explore research possibilities at STRI. The Ernst Mayr Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding short term fellowship candidate on an annual basis. (deadlines: March 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15).

### ***Short-Term Fellowships for Students in Latin America, especially Central America and Panama***

Support is provided for short-term projects and internships. Candidates must be from universities in Latin America, particularly Central America and Panama. (deadlines: March 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15).

### ***A. Stanley Rand Fellowship Program***

Support is provided for short-term research in the tropics focused on animal behavior, natural history, evolutionary biology, plant and animal ecology and environmental monitoring. (deadlines: March 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15).

**Who:** Applicants are evaluated on their academic standing, scholarly qualifications, experiences, the quality of the research project or study proposed and its suitability to Smithsonian collections, facilities, and programs.

**When:** See above

**More:** <http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm#fstri>

## ANSTI/DAAD Postgraduate Fellowships

**What:** The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) a publicly funded, self-governing organization of the institutions of higher learning in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programs. DAAD cooperates with ANSTI by offering a number of in-region scholarships for Masters and Ph.D degrees.

**Who:** Participants in the program must be from ANSTI member institutions and may not exceed the age limit of 36 years by date of nomination. Applicants may not apply for studies in their home countries. Fellowships, which cover fees, subsistence and international travel, are awarded to staff of ANSTI member institutions ( [View ANSTI Members](#) ) for postgraduate studies (M.Sc. or Ph.D) at African universities for staff development. Fellowships are awarded to sub-Saharan African nationals for studies outside the applicants' home countries.

**When:** Closing date is 31 May 2012

**More:** <http://anstigrants.unon.org/daad/>

### University of Cambridge, Masters in Conservation Leadership

**What:** The MPhil in Conservation Leadership is a full-time one-year master's degree course, aimed at graduates of leadership potential with at least three to five years experience relevant to biodiversity conservation. Scholarship programs are available for 2012 entry.

**Who:** The Miriam Rothschild Scholarship Program in Conservation Leadership has been established to support students from less developed and developing countries that are rich in biodiversity, to attend the MPhil in Conservation Leadership. The number and size of these scholarships will vary from full scholarships, to partial scholarships that cover specific aspects of the funding package required by students.

**When:** Closing date is 30 March 2012

**More:** [www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate](http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate) and  
<http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate/mphil/conservation/funding.html>

### Commission for Development (CUD) scholarships

**What:** 150 scholarships for Master's degree courses and 70 for training programs at selected universities in Belgium in 2012-2013. Some of the fields of study for the degree courses cover aquaculture, public health, transport, environment, food economics, and tropical and sub-tropical crops.

**Who:** Candidates must be no more than 40 years old for the Master's degree and no more than 45 for the training programs, should be nationals of the selected developing countries and have knowledge of French or commit to study French.  
<http://www.cud.be/content/view/341/210/lang,/>

**When:** Closing date is 20 January 2012 for certain training programs, 13 February 2012 for the Master's degree courses.

**More:** <http://www.cud.be/content/view/339/208/lang,/>

### Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STS) Fellowship Program 2012-2013

**What:** Researchers are invited to apply for a stay between 1 October 2013 and 30 June 2013 as a Research Fellow (up to 9 months), or a Visiting Scholar (shorter period, e.g. a month) on one of the following issues:

- Gender – Technology – Environment
- Genetics and Biotechnology
- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Energy and Climate
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

Applicants can apply for a grant : <http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/ias/IAS-STS/Grants>

**Who:** The IAS-STS is open to applicants of all academic positions and disciplines. To be eligible for membership, candidates must have completed university studies.

**When:** Closing date is 31 December 2011

**More:** <http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/ias/IAS-STS>

### University of California, Davis -- Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture for Sub-Saharan Africa

- What:** The Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (Borlaug LEAP) offers fellowships for graduate students from developing countries who are engaged in agricultural research at universities in the USA. Proposals are coordinated by a university in the student's home country, a university in the USA, and a mentor in the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).
- Who:** The current call for applications is directed to graduate students from Sub-Saharan Africa whose research is related to topics in USAID's program, "Feed the Future."
- When:** Applications are due before 03 February 2012.
- More:** <http://leap.ucdavis.edu/> and <http://www.feedthefuture.gov/>

### ETH Zurich -- Research Fellow Partnership Program 2012

- What:** ETH offers doctoral and post-doctoral research fellowships in agriculture, forestry, and natural resources related to development. Projects have to be embedded in research partnerships between a CGIAR center (or equivalent) and ETH Zurich.
- Who:** Fellows in RFPP are Swiss residents under age 36, and citizens of developing and transition countries through age 40.
- When:** The application deadline is 31 December 2011.
- More:** <http://www.rfpp.ethz.ch/>

## Travel and Conference Grants

### African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI) Conference Grants

- What:** Grants to attend international meetings to present papers. A maximum amount of \$2,500 is awarded.
- Who:** Senior Academic staff of ANSTI member institutions:  
<http://www.ansti.org/images/stories/documents/memberinstitutions.pdf>
- When:** Applications are accepted all year round, but must be received at least three months before conference date.
- More:** <http://www.ansti.org/index.php/ansti-conference-grants>

### Hayek Fund for Scholars

- What:** The Hayek Fund for Scholars makes strategic awards of up to \$750 for career enhancing activities such as; presentations at academic or professional conferences, travel to academic job interviews, travel to and research at archives or libraries, participation in career development or enhancing seminars, distribution of a published article, submission of unpublished manuscripts to journals or book publishers.
- Who:** Graduate students and untenured faculty members of any nationality
- When:** Applications are accepted all year round.
- More:** <http://www.theihs.org/ContentDetails.aspx?id=516>

### SEARCA Travel Grants

- What:** SEARCA provides Travel Grants to qualified agriculture and agriculture-related professionals and social scientists, including graduate students in an effort to reinforce the Center's efforts and resources in the promotion of agricultural competitiveness and natural resource management toward food security and poverty reduction in the region. Travel Grants provide financial support of up to a maximum of US\$1,200 to qualified applicants presenting scientific papers in international or local scientific fora.
- Who:** Southeast Asian nationals who are staff members of a development-oriented institution or a graduate student of a reputable university in Southeast Asia.
- When:** Travel Grant applications are evaluated on a quarterly basis in the third week of the last month of every quarter. The application letter and supporting documents must, therefore, be submitted on or before the second month of the quarter preceding the evaluation.
- More:** <http://www.searca.org/web/research/travelgrants/>

## Research and Extension Grants

### Orskov Foundation – Small Grants

- What:** Orskov makes grants of up to £2,500 to support agriculture in developing countries. One category of grants supports university students in agricultural studies related to poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability. The second category of grants is for community-based agriculture on a revolving-fund basis.
- Who:** Graduate students and communities in developing countries.
- When:** Applications are welcome from 1 October to 31 December 2011.
- More:** <http://www.orskovfoundation.org/home>

### International Foundation of Science (IFS) Research Grants

- What:** Applications for IFS Research Grants are welcome from young scientists in developing countries to do research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources. This broad statement covers natural science and social science research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agroforestry, aquatic resources, natural products, water resources, etc. Applications are accepted all year and are to be made on an IFS Application Form.
- Who:** Citizen of a developing country, with a Master's degree and under 40 years of age (45 in sub-Saharan Africa)
- When:** Closing date is 29 January 2012
- More:** [http://www.ifs.se/Forms/how\\_to\\_apply.asp](http://www.ifs.se/Forms/how_to_apply.asp) and <http://www.ifs.se/>

### Leverhulme - Royal Society Africa Awards

- What:** The Leverhulme Trust and the UK's Royal Society collaborate to make grants for research in agriculture, water and sanitation, biodiversity, energy, and basic human health in Tanzania and Ghana. Awards offer a maximum of £60 thousand per year for three years.
- Who:** As the projects are of a bilateral nature, one applicant must be based in the UK and the other either in Ghana or Tanzania. The project leaders must be of at least postdoctoral status or equivalent and their teams must be recognized and supported by a Ghanaian/Tanzanian or UK

higher education institution.

**When:** The closing date for applications is 08 February 2012.

**More:** <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/leverhulme-africa/>

### **TWAS Research Collaboration**

**What:** TWAS offers a variety of research collaboration programs, from associateships and professorships to visiting scientist schemes. The initiatives share the purpose of building capacity in Least Developed Country research institutions and expanding networking capacity.

**Who:** Depending on the scheme. See link below for more details.

**When:** Deadlines are from 1 October to 31 December 2011 depending on the scheme.

**More:** <http://twas.ictp.it/prog/exchange/res-collab/res-coll>

### **Nordic Climate Facility – call for proposals**

**What:** Call for proposals on “Innovative low-cost climate solutions targeted for local businesses” . Grant financing of up to EUR 500,000 can be granted to partnerships between relevant Nordic institutions, organizations, companies and authorities. Competent local partners in low-income countries are also eligible for the program.

**Who:** Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Asia: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

Latin America: Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua

**When:** Deadline is 16 January 2012

**More:** [http://www.nefco.org/en/financing/nordic\\_climate\\_facility](http://www.nefco.org/en/financing/nordic_climate_facility)

### **Women in Business Challenge**

**What:** A business plan competition for women in emerging markets to support women entrepreneurs in starting or growing their businesses. BiD Network sources and selects business plans of small and medium sized enterprises in emerging markets. BiD Network offers tools to the best entrepreneurs, paving the way for them to access finance.

**Who:** You must be a woman and your country of business must be a developing country.

**When:** Competition deadline is 15 April 2012

**More:** <http://www.bidnetwork.org/page/199940>

### **European Commission (EC) -- Kenya Rural Development Program**

**What:** The EC and the Government of Kenya invite proposals to address drought and other vulnerabilities of arid and semi-arid lands in northern Kenya. Grants will build programs and strategies for drought preparedness; livestock health and marketing; fodder development; water conservation; support to communities for contingency plans; and related capacity-building activities. Grants (in two lots) will range from €500 thousand to €2 million.

**Who:** The program is open to NGOs, public agencies, and local authorities in the EU and its candidate countries; countries of the EEA and ACP (including Kenya), and least-developed countries. International (inter-governmental) organizations are also eligible.

**When:** Concept notes are due by 31 January 2012

**More:** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1322479636916&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=QS&orderby=upd&>



[orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&aoref=132230](#)

### European Commission (EC) -- Strengthening Participation for Governance in Food Security

**What:** The EC invites proposals to strengthen the capacity of farmers, pastoralists, fishermen, and other food producers to be able to engage in decision-making with public authorities and development partners. Grants of €300 thousand to €3 million will be made in two lots, one to strengthen organizations and the second to strengthen networks.

**Who:** Eligibility extends to nonprofit organizations (several categories) across the EU, its candidate countries, and the European Economic Area; developing countries (OECD's definition); and international (inter-governmental) organizations.

**When:** Concept notes are due by 07 February 2012

**More:** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1321872116522&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=AS&aoet=36538%2C36539&ccnt=7573876&debpub=21%2F10%2F2011&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&aoref=131792>

### UK Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra) -- Darwin Initiative 2012

**What:** Administered by UK's Defra in collaboration with the Department for International Development (DFID), the Darwin Initiative invites applications for scoping awards, fellowships, and the UK Overseas Territories Challenge Fund. Projects engage UK organizations with partners in the developing world for capacity building, research, and environmental education in support of biodiversity conservation. Scoping awards of up to £3 thousand are open to UK and non-UK applicants (note the change from previous years). Funding from the Overseas Territories Challenge Fund is up to £25 thousand for individuals in the UK and its overseas territories.

**Who:** Fellowships are available to individuals in the developing world and in the UK's overseas territories who have links with current and recent Darwin projects, and whose current work is biodiversity conservation. The Fellows are hosted at UK organizations.

**When:** The closing date for applications is 30 January 2012

**More:** <http://darwin.defra.gov.uk/>

### Inter-American Development Bank -- Call for Proposals to Support Communities and Vulnerable Groups

**What:** Through the Japan Special Fund for Poverty Reduction (JPO), the IDB supports well-targeted poverty reduction and social development activities in Latin America and the Caribbean. The scope of the current JPO call includes micro-enterprises for sustainable livelihoods and rural development of marginalized areas. Grants are up to US\$300 thousand for projects in a single community, and up to US\$1.5 million for projects that involve several communities.

**Who:** Proposals are invited from local and international civil society organizations legally incorporated in any of IDB's 26 borrowing-member countries.

**When:** The deadline for proposals is 31 December 2011

**More:** <http://www.iadb.org/en/topics/civil-society/call-for-proposals-civil-society-jpo-2011/japanese-fund,4321.html>

### German Government -- International Climate Initiative 2012

**What:** Germany's BMU (*Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety*)



funds the International Climate Initiative (ICI) to support projects on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity projects with climate relevance. Grants are generally over €200 thousand, and sometimes much larger, for projects that are usually of two to four years.

**Who:** Most projects are led by German and international organizations with partners in developing and emerging countries.

**When:** The closing date for project outlines is 09 January 2012

**More:** [http://www.bmu-klimaschutzinitiative.de/en/selection\\_procedure](http://www.bmu-klimaschutzinitiative.de/en/selection_procedure)

### **Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI) -- Call for Applications 2011-2012**

**What:** The LDPI offers small grants to carry out original field research, provide follow-up to ongoing initiatives, and write papers on subjects related to the "global land grab." The research should be original, relevant to policy, and be based on detailed and case-specific field studies. Grants are up to US\$3 thousand.

**Who:** To be eligible the applicant must a doctoral or post-doctoral (graduating within the last five years) researcher. Non-doctoral/non-postdoctoral researchers may apply but will have a different requirement. The research must be based on recent (over the last 5 years), field-based, site-specific research

**When:** The application deadline is 15 December 2011.

**More:** <http://www.tni.org/article/land-deal-politics-initiative>

### **African Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) -- Three Active Funding Windows**

**What:** The AECF offers grants and loans to support businesses in Africa working in agriculture, financial services, renewable energy, and technologies for adapting to climate change. AECF announces three current funding competitions: (i) Agribusiness Africa; (ii) Renewable Energy and Adapting to Climate Technologies (REACT) -- Round 2; and (iii) South Sudan.

**Who:** Eligibility extends to for-profit businesses anywhere in the world if their activities are carried out in Africa (specifically South Sudan in the third case).

**When:** The application deadline is 15 December 2011.

**More:** [http://www.aecfafrica.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=31](http://www.aecfafrica.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=31)

## **Prizes and Awards**

### **Water and Food Organization -- Humanitarian Water and Food Award 2012**

**What:** The Humanitarian Water and Food Award highlights and rewards effective solutions to conserve water and grow food sustainably. The competition invites organizations, groups, and individuals worldwide to submit project ideas in these themes that are innovative, sustainable, locally managed, replicable, and that have wide impact. Award winners receives a trophy; a sum of €30 thousand to €60 thousand; and technical assistance to support their projects.

**Who:** All applicants who meet the basic criteria of the competition are registered in a database, and are able to submit requests for assistance from WFO's network.

**When:** Closing date is 15 January 2012

**More:** <http://waterandfoodaward.wordpress.com/we-are-now-accepting-applications-for-the-water-and-food-award-2012/>

## Resources

G&D guidelines on **how to write a winning proposal** at:

[www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Newsletter/Tipsforgoodproposal.doc](http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Newsletter/Tipsforgoodproposal.doc)

G&D tips for **Publishing and Presentations** at:

[www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast\\_the\\_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf](http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast_the_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf)

**Tips on preparing winning science posters and presentations** at:

<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/conference.asp>

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