

Calls for proposals from The African Academy of Sciences

Open call for participants at the Evidence Informed Policymaking Seminar in Africa

The Open Call for Participants at the Evidence Informed Policy Making Seminar in Africa has just been published. The Evidence Informed Policy Making capacity building seminar is co-organised by The African Academy of Sciences (The AAS), UK Research and Innovation, International Network for Government Science Advice – African Chapter (INGSA) and European Commission – Joint Research Centre.

Applications are invited from Affiliates, Fellows and grantees of The African Academy of Sciences, African national government and Regional Economic Community policy makers and African scientists.

This Evidence Informed Policy Making seminar is for:

African early to mid-career policymakers and scientists with the following characteristics:

- With at least 2 years of work experience within the themes of water, energy, food security or health;
- Interested in how to use scientific research and evidence to inform policymaking;
- Has an active interest in interdisciplinary working to solve global problems;
- Working primarily in Africa or on Africa related issues with African partners;
- Being proficient in English and committed to participate for the whole duration of the seminar.

You are invited to apply by **8 October 2018**.

Learn more: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/workshop/eipm-water-energy-food-health>

Africa- India Mobility Fund

The Africa- India Mobility Fund is accepting applications for travel grants from researchers from Africa and India. The programme, which is a partnership of The African Academy of Sciences, the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance and Wellcome, funds short-term visits of up

to three months for researchers to travel in either direction.

Funding will be given to nationals of India and African countries to support collaboration in research in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, dengue, malaria, vector-borne diseases, parasitic infections, emerging infections, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, health systems research, antimicrobial resistance, microbiome, drug development and general biomedical sciences.

This call is also open to non-African investigators resident on the continent or overseas citizens of India. The applications for AIMF will be on **a rolling basis with feedback on the outcome given within two months** until further notice.

English: <http://www.aasciences.ac.ke/aesa/en/programmes/africa-india-mobility-fund/>

French: <http://www.aasciences.ac.ke/aesa/en/programmes/le-fonds-de-mobilite-africaine/>

Calls from partners

2019 RISK Award

Applications are invited for the 2019 RISK Award organised by Munich Re Foundation, the International Disaster and Risk Conference and UNISDR.

The Award, endowed with €100,000, is assigned to operational projects in the field of risk reduction and disaster management on a biannual basis.

The application phase will end on 30 November 2018. The 2019 Award ceremony will be held at the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in May 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

To apply, visit: <http://www.risk-award.org/risk-award/Application.html>

GCRF Global Engagement Networks

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), UK Research and Innovation invites proposals for community building networks focused around research challenges within the six strategic GCRF Challenge portfolios:

- Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure

- Education
- Food Systems
- Global Health
- Resilience to Environmental Shocks and Change
- Security Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement

Up to £150,000 is available per network, over a 2 year period. These funds are to support running costs, events and activities.

The Network Director (Principal Investigator) for each Network must be an academic based at an eligible research organisation in a country on the OECD DAC list.

There will be a 2 stage application process: an initial **mandatory** outline stage will be assessed for eligibility and relevance and fit to the call; successful applications will be invited to submit a full application, which will be assessed by an external expert review panel.

Outline applications must be submitted through smart survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UKRI-GCRF-GENetworks/> by **16:00 British Summer Time on 11 October 2018. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Learn more: <https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/global-engagement-networks/>

2019 Aspen New Voices nominations are open

The Aspen Institute's New Voices Fellowship is a year-long media skills, communication and leadership program designed for standout development professionals from the developing world. Candidates for the Fellowship are expected to have both a record of significant professional achievement and a desire to share their perspectives on global development with a broader international audience. The Fellowship is open by nomination only.

The Fellowship is recruiting a total of 25 Fellows for 2019—15 Fellows who are development experts in fields such as **food security, global health, development economics, health and human rights**, and **climate change** and 10 Fellows who are experts working on the frontlines of **sexual and reproductive health and rights**.

While the fellowship is non-resident and not full-time, it does require a significant and sustained time commitment as fellows write opinion articles, participate in interviews with local

and international media, and speak at international conferences. All expenses related to the fellowship are paid, including certain media-related travel costs.

Please note, this is not a fellowship for journalists or others trained and working in communications.

Nominations close on **15 October 2018**.

Learn more: <http://newvoicesfellows.aspeninstitute.org/Nominations>

British Academy Global Professorships 2018

The British Academy is providing mid-career to senior scholars - active in any discipline within the social sciences and the humanities and based in any country overseas - with the opportunity to work for four years in the UK and make a contribution to UK research and higher education. This new programme is supported under the UK Government's National Productivity Investment Fund. It aims to demonstrate and further enhance the UK's commitment to international research partnerships and collaboration as well as strengthen the UK's research capacity and capability in the humanities and the social sciences.

Aims

Up to 10 Global Professorships each year will be offered during the course of the programme (which will run for three years in the first instance). Each award will provide funding for four years to an outstanding international researcher, not currently working in the United Kingdom, to bring their research experience to the UK. The purpose of the Global Professorships is to enable world-class scholars to further their individual research goals while strengthening the UK research base and advancing the research goals and strategies of their UK host universities. Each four-year appointment is intended to be a complete project in itself and is expected to involve a specific research focus, although the British Academy does not have a preferred model for the balance of time to be spent between research and teaching (which may vary over the course of the award and will depend on the UK host institution's needs).

Eligibility Requirements

Suitable candidates for the Global Professorships include internationally-recognised mid-career to senior researchers active in any field within the social sciences or the humanities who are currently employed outside the UK. The applicant must either be in a permanent (full-time or part-time) position at their home institution overseas or have a fixed-term position for

the duration of the Global Professorship. Applicants must be available to take up a long-term secondment or employment at an eligible UK university or research institution.

Value and Duration

Awards are expected to run for four years each. The British Academy will provide up to £250,000 per annum for the first three years, making a total contribution of £750,000 per award. The costs of the fourth year will be expected to be committed in full by the UK host institution. Successful applicants to the 2018 competition will be required to start their awards between 1 December 2018 and 31 May 2019.

Applications close on **12 September 2018 (17.00 UK Time)**.

Learn more: <https://www.britac.ac.uk/global-professorships-2018>

Stars in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (Round 10)

Grand Challenges Canada seeks **bold ideas for products, services and implementation models** that could transform how persistent challenges in sexual and reproductive health and rights are addressed in low- and middle-income countries.

Applications close on **25 September 2018**.

Learn more: <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/funding-opportunities/>