

FUNDING E-Bulletin

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From the Director's Desk

It is 6 months since we merged the Business Development and International Liaison Units and we have successfully accomplished the following:

1. Provided Research Programmes with more specialised technical support.
2. Met with most of the programmes to discuss our new approach to providing the best technical support and identifying funding opportunities.
3. Developed processes and systems which we have implemented with huge success in ensuring better services are rendered to you.
4. As part of the revamping of the office we have also developed a system to support partnership management and the management of MOUs in particular. This will be circulated shortly before it will be implemented.
5. We also developed this Funding E- Bulletin to ensure that there is no cross posting of opportunities and as a means of communicating with you.
6. From our experience over the past few months we have noted some difficulties with the following:
 - The preparation of financial aspects of proposals
 - Adherence to timelines in compiling, preparing and submitting all the necessary documents required when submitting a proposal
 - Replying to the BDIL staff of the intent or non-intent to respond to funding alerts sent out by BDIL
 - Coordination with external partners on collation of all documents for jointly responding to opportunities
 - The correct use of teaming agreements or MOUs when jointly responding to an opportunity

We therefore recommend that you consider the following:

- Kindly be reminded that all requests made to your technical support person be done in writing
- Always respond to the BDIL technical team whether the programme intends to submit or not
- Clarify roles and responsibilities of research programmes and BDIL
- When collaborating on funding applications with external partners BDIL will provide HSRC staff with support while all communication with collaborators is the responsibility of the research programme
- Ensure that you liaise with finance and are familiar with the financial requirements of budgeting policies and procedures of the HSRC
- Please ensure that the research programme makes provision for adequate time to complete submissions requiring the CEOs signature and submits it to the office of the CEO in time to adhere to submission deadlines.

We look forward to any inputs you may have in improving any of the services we are currently providing to you.

Funding Alerts

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CALLS

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration (KIC). Scientific Events/ Travel Grants	31/10/2012	NRF
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The NRF acknowledges research as an inherently international activity although there is much benefit to be derived from comparing local knowledge with other local systems or sharing methodologies. One of the strategic performance goals of NRF Vision 2015 is to strive for an internationally competitive science, technology and innovation system. The promotion of international collaboration through travel as well as participation in scientific events is a direct route to this goal.</p> <p>The KIC programme was therefore established to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - internationalise research; - enhance networking within the science system; - foster collaboration in order to improve the quality of research outputs by researchers. <p>URL: http://www.nrf.ac.za/</p>		

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Indigenous Knowledge Systems Programme (IKS). Call for Research Proposals for funding in 2013	02/11/2012	NRF
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The intention of this programme is to promote and support research to deepen our understanding of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and its role in community life. Although both applied and basic (i.e., epistemological studies) research is encouraged, the Indigenous Knowledge Programme focuses on experimental research which will lead to technology transfer and patents (i.e. innovation and entrepreneurship). Clear evidence of active participation and equal ownership of IKS practitioners and communities in all research activities is a crucial feature of this programme. So is appropriately acknowledging those who contributed intellectually (i.e., knowledge holders/practitioners) as more than just mere subjects or informants.</p> <p>URL: http://nrfonline.nrf.ac.za</p>		

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Blue Skies Concept Notes. Call for Research Proposals for funding in 2013	25/10/2012	NRF
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Blue Skies Research Programme can be described as multi-dimensional self-initiated, curiosity-driven inquiry that necessitates high investment risks, addresses new phenomena, as well as push the frontiers of knowledge. Blue Skies-type of research is associated with fundamental and basic research programmes.</p> <p>URL: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za</p>		

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Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery

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Assessment of availability of material for guidelines of best practice for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental Geo-Spatial datasets. SSC WC Q124/2012 DRDLR	05/10/2012	Dept of Rural Development and Land Reform: Western Cape
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Appointment of a suitable service provider for Assessment of availability of material for guidelines of best practice for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental Geo-Spatial datasets for the Chief Directorate: National Geo-Spatial information, Mowbray, Cape Town</p>		

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Feasibility study on the Gauteng Smart City project on behalf of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development. GT/GFPO/84/2012	05/10/2012	Gauteng Funding Agency
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Request for proposal: Bidders are hereby invited to submit proposals for: Feasibility study on the Gauteng Smart City project on behalf of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development.</p> <p>URL: http://www.finance.gpg.gov.za</p>		

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Conduct a corruption perception survey in the Republic of South Africa. DPSA007/2012	12/10/2012	DPSA
Summary: Appointment of a service provider for conducting corruption perception survey in the Republic of South Africa.		

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Annual National Qualitative Research Study. RFB 007-2012/2013	19/10/2012	Government Communications and Information Systems
Summary: The main aim of this National Qualitative study is to: Explore and gain in-depth understanding and insight of people's attitudes, behaviour, motivations and concerns regarding government's services, initiatives, programmes and products in order to enhance communication on government policies. URL: http://www.gcis.gov.za/content/about-us/procurement/bids		



Economic Performance and Development

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Fast-growing Municipalities in South Africa are invited to express interest to participate in exciting new Low Carbon Development Initiative	10/10/2012	ICLEI
<p>Summary:</p> <p>SA Municipalities are invited to express their interest to join the South African Component of a new global low carbon development initiative - implemented by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability in partnership with UN-Habitat and funded by the European Commission - entitled "Promoting Low Emission Urban Development Strategies in Emerging Economy Countries", known as Urban LEDS.</p> <p>URL: www.iclei.org/africa</p>		

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Call for Proposals: Sustainable Environment and Natural Resources for Development	23/10/2012	EuropeAid
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The European Union Delegation is seeking proposals to support South Africa's environmentally sustainable future with funds from the National Development Policy Support Programme.</p> <p>Specific objective: Healthy ecosystems and sustainable use of natural resources.</p> <p>URL: http://www.eusa.org.za/en/index.htm</p>		

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Inter-employee relationship satisfaction. SSC WC Q125/2012 DRDLR	05/10/2012	Dept of Rural Development and Land Reform: Western Cape
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Appointment of a suitable service provider for undertaking of an Inter-employee relationship satisfaction for the Chief Directorate: National Geo-Spatial Information, Mowbray, Cape T</p>		

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GLM-LIC phase II call for proposals	28/11/2012	Department for International Development (DFID), GB
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Department for International Development, in partnership with the Institute for the Study of Labor, invites proposals under phase two of its growth and labour markets in low-income countries programme. The aim of this programme is to improve worldwide knowledge of labour market issues in low-income countries and provide a solid basis for the development of future policies. Proposals must address at least one of the following research areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • growth and labour market outcomes; • active labour market policies; • labour market institutions; • migration; • gender. <p>Researchers based in institutions and organisations anywhere in the world may apply, individually or as part of a consortium. The programme encourages the development of north-south and south-south networks and consortia; where the principal investigator is based in an institution in the north, southern researchers should be identified as team members and policy counterparts. The involvement of researchers from low-income countries is particularly encouraged. Applications must be submitted in English.</p> <p>URL: http://glm-lic.iza.org/?page=97</p>		

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Research Grants	1/10/2012	Institute for Labour Market Policy (IFAU)
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The project shall concern research aiming at evaluating measures motivated by labour market policy, studies of how the labour market works or an evaluation of effects of measures within the educational system. The research should be oriented towards results that are relevant for political considerations. In due time, possible databases constructed within the framework of the project shall also be at the disposal of other researchers. If personal data, as defined in the Data Act, are included, permission must be obtained from the Swedish Data Inspection Board.</p> <p>URL: http://www.ifau.se/en/Research/Research-grants/</p>		

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Flagship Collaborative Research Program (FCF Projects and Clusters)	Varies	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) - Australia
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Flagships are targeted at six national goals, which are closely aligned to the Commonwealth Government's National Research Priorities. Each flagship involves collaboration between leading Australian scientists, research institutions, commercial companies and CSIRO. Their scale, longer time-frames, and clear focus on delivery and adoption of research outputs are designed to maximise their impact in key areas of economic and community need.</p> <p>Projects are funded for around AU\$100 000, with matching co-investment.</p> <p>URL: http://www.csiro.au/en/Organisation-Structure/Flagships/Energy-Transformed-Flagship/Flagship-Projects.aspx</p>		

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Innovations in Gender Equality (IGE) to Promote Household Food Security	31/10/2012	USAID
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The goal of this APS is to pilot and collect evidence of impact from innovative and bold interventions that increase women's leadership in the agriculture sector, improve women's access to and utilization of technology to increase agricultural productivity, increase labor saving technologies, strengthen gender equality in land, credit and other policies, and enhance nutritional outcomes for women and children.</p> <p>URL: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=127833</p>		

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Development of an action plan to address findings of green drop assessments. T35/09/12	01/10/2012	IDC
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The IDC, on behalf of The Fund for Research into Industrial Development, Growth and Equity (FRIDGE) invites capable service providers to submit proposals to analyse, the Green Drop reports of 2011/2012</p>		

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Request for Proposals for support to the National Department of Health for costing of the National Health Insurance. HLSP/SARRAH/BID/21092012	15/10/2012	DoH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The following terms of reference define the follow-up costing work that is informed by the revised NHI Green Paper which provides details of the envisaged design and institutional arrangements. The terms of reference relate to the detailed costing of the NHI pilot activities in the selected districts and described in the NHI pilot proposal and the needs of each particular district. The work must build on all previous NHI costing exercises performed by the NHI Ministerial Advisory Committee and by the NDOH including the work carried out on costing a basic package under the SARRAH programme in 2011.</p>		

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Impact of Freight Accidents on South Africa's Road Projects. DOT/28/2012/ITP	05/10/2012	Dept. Of Transport
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Appointment of a service provider for the impact of Freight Accidents on South Africa's Road Projects.</p>		

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Appoint a suitable qualified service provider to assist the BANKSETA. BS/2012/RFB207	23/09/2012	BANKSETA
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The BANKSETA is a statutory body established to advance the national and global position of the banking and micro-finance industry, is seeking to appoint a suitable qualified service provider who is/are located in South Africa to assist the BANKSETA Sector Skills Planning and Research department in developing a credible Impact Assessment Model that is realistic, measureable and implementable, which will be used to determine the effectiveness of various education, training and general projects already put in place by the BANKSETA.</p> <p>URL: www.bankseta.org.za</p>		

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Green Fund: Request for proposals	24/10/2012	DBSA
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Government of South Africa through the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has set up a Green Fund to support the transition to a low carbon, resource efficient and climate resilient development path delivering high impact economic, environmental and social benefits. The allocation of R800m represents the initial resources available for disbursement by the Green Fund. The DEA has appointed the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as the implementing agent of the Green Fund.</p>		

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Employment in the context of sustainable development	31/01/2013	Swiss National Science Foundation, CH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation invite proposals for research on employment in the context of sustainable development, under the Swiss programme for research on global issues for development. Proposals should address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how can employment in the context of sustainable development be stimulated, and what are favourable economic, political and social conditions for employment strategies? •what kind of technical or technological, political and social innovation might support the creation of employment opportunities? •what are the social, economic and environmental effects of employment? •how can employment policies make the most of opportunities and cope with the risks of globalisation? <p>Projects will be based at Swiss institutions but must involve empirical investigation in the field. Researchers employed at non-profitmaking research institutions in Switzerland and in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are eligible to apply. Research teams must involve at least one Swiss research group and at least two research groups from different developing countries. Funding may be used for salaries, communication and implementation activities, equipment and other research expenses. The overall budget for this call is CHF14.1 million. Individual funding is worth approximately CHF3m over a six-year period.</p> <p>URL: http://www.r4d.ch/e/news-newsletter/news-archive/pages/newsarchiv.aspx?NEWSID=1779&WEBID=F6B532FB-64ED-466F-8816-193D4DE8DC94</p>		

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Policy analysis on growth and employment grants	05/11/2012	Partnership for Economic Policy, CA and other funders
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Partnership for Economic Policy, in collaboration with the Department for International Development and International Development Research Centre, invites applications for its policy analysis on growth and employment grants. The PAGE grants will support the analysis of specific and country-relevant policy issues under the theme of inclusive growth and employment. Some suggested policy issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •providing social protection to the informal sector; •youth employment and entrepreneurship; •employment intensity of non-agricultural growth; •China's growth – opportunities and challenges for developing countries; •entrepreneurial risk-tolerance by gender; •discrimination in credit access for women at the SME-level. <p>Applications are accepted from small, gender-balanced teams of researchers from developing countries, with priority given to applicants from low-income countries as well as conflict and fragile states. Teams must be composed of one senior researcher supervising several junior researchers. All members of the team must be developing-country nationals and at least 50 per cent of the team must be women.</p> <p>The basic grant amount is approximately US\$44,500. Teams from low-income countries may receive an additional US\$13,500 for team members to gain additional training, and projects that use randomised</p>		

controlled trials may receive additional US\$100,000 for the conduct of baseline and follow-up surveys.

URL: <http://www.pep-net.org/funding/call-for-proposals/>

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Grand challenges explorations grants	07/11/2012	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, US
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation invites applications for its grand challenges explorations grants. Grants support early-stage research projects and innovative ideas that could lead to new vaccines, diagnostics, drugs and other technologies targeting diseases that claim millions of lives each year. Projects should address the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •new approaches in model systems, diagnostics and drugs for specific neglected tropical diseases; •labour-saving innovations for women smallholder farmers; •new approaches for the interrogation of anti-malarial compounds; •aid is working - tell the world (part two). <p>US and non-US non-profit organisations, for-profit companies, international organisations, government agencies and academic institutions may apply, individually or in collaboration. Funding is worth up to US\$100,000 over 18 months in the first instance. Grantees will then have the opportunity to apply for phase two funding of up to US\$1 million over two years. In a small number of cases, the foundation may grant an extension of US\$100,000 instead of deciding to award or decline phase two funding. Grantees who accept this extension will be eligible to apply for phase two funding at a later date.</p> <p>URL: http://www.grandchallenges.org/Explorations/Pages/ApplicationInstructions.aspx</p>		



Education and Skills Development

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Conduct research on various tops for NSFAS. SCMN17/2012	26/10/2012	NSFAS
<p>Summary: Researcher to conduct research on various tops for NSFAS.</p>		

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Appointment of a service provider or a consortium of service providers. DBE033	12/09/2012	Department of Basic Education
<p>Summary: Appointment of a service provider or a consortium of service providers with professional and technical expertise to capture sample test data, conduct analysis and report on results in Grades 1 to 6 and 9 in the 2012 Annual National Assessment.</p>		

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Small research grants	01/10/2012	Spencer Foundation, US
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Spencer Foundation invites applications for its small research grants programme. The programme supports the high quality investigation of education through its research programmes. The foundation supports work that may contribute to improvement of education around the world. The specific areas of inquiry are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the relation between education and social opportunity; • organisational learning in schools, school systems and higher education institutions; • teaching, learning and instructional resources; • purposes and values of education; • field-initiated proposals that align with the foundation’s mission of research toward educational improvement. • The foundation will also accept field-initiated proposals outside these areas. <p>Principal investigators must have earned a doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field or have appropriate experience in an education research-related profession and must be affiliated with an institution that is willing to serve as the fiscal agent if the grant is awarded. Proposals will be accepted from the US and internationally. Small grants are worth up to US\$40,000 each.</p> <p>URL: http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/budgets-40000-or-less</p>		



HIV/AIDS, STIs and TB

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Annual Grant Competition	1/10/2012	United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
Summary:		
<p>The annual competition (1) supports innovative peace building projects involving research, the identification of promising models and effective practices, the development of practitioner resources and tools, the development and delivery of education, training and dialogue programs, and the production of films, radio programs, and other media; and (2) funds projects focused on preventing, managing, and resolving violent conflict and promoting post-conflict peace building in settings outside the borders of the USA. Awards support activities that apply across a broad range of relevant disciplines, skills, and approaches. USIP welcomes proposals of an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary nature.</p>		
<p>URL: http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/annual-grant-competition</p>		

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Opportunities for Researchers from Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities - Net4Society	Varies	Net4Society
Summary:		
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<p>URL: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/projects/419_en.html</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Strategies for Treatment of Young Adults with Alcohol Use Disorders (R01)	5/10/2012	NIH
Summary:		
<p>The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites applications to support new research on the treatment of young adults (18-25 years of age) with alcohol use disorders. Compared to all other age groups, the prevalence of periodic heavy or high-risk drinking is greatest among young adults aged 18 to 25. Alcohol use disorders, including alcohol</p>		

dependence, also peak during this critical period during which profound developmental changes occur. Despite having the highest prevalence of drinking, interventions for this group have been understudied. Gaps exist in understanding how to effectively engage this group in treatment, which treatments are the most effective, and how to maintain treatment gains in the longer term after treatment.

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-246.html>

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Strategies for Treatment of Young Adults with Alcohol Use Disorders (R21)	16/10/2012	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites applications to support new research on the treatment of young adults (18-25 years of age) with alcohol use disorders. Compared to all other age groups, the prevalence of periodic heavy or high-risk drinking is greatest among young adults aged 18 to 25. Alcohol use disorders, including alcohol dependence, also peak during this critical period during which profound developmental changes occur. Despite having the highest prevalence of drinking, interventions for this group have been understudied. Gaps exist in understanding how to effectively engage this group in treatment, which treatments are the most effective, and how to maintain treatment gains in the longer term after treatment.</p> <p>URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-248.html</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Innovations in Gender Equality (IGE) to Promote Household Food Security	31/10/2012	USAID
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The goal of this APS is to pilot and collect evidence of impact from innovative and bold interventions that increase women's leadership in the agriculture sector, improve women's access to and utilization of technology to increase agricultural productivity, increase labor saving technologies, strengthen gender equality in land, credit and other policies, and enhance nutritional outcomes for women and children.</p> <p>URL: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=127833</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Appointment of a service provider to conduct a National Audit. SD16/2012	26/10/2012	Department of Social Development
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Appointment of a service provider to conduct a National Audit of 18 000 registered Early Childhood Development Centres across 9 provinces.</p> <p>URL: www.dsd.gov.za</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Strategies for Treatment of Young Adults with Alcohol Use Disorders (R03)	16/10/2012	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites applications to support new research on the treatment of young adults (18-25 years of age) with alcohol use disorders. Compared to all other age groups, the prevalence of periodic heavy or high-risk drinking is greatest among young adults aged 18 to 25. Alcohol use disorders, including alcohol dependence, also peak during this critical period during which profound developmental changes occur.</p>		

Despite having the highest prevalence of drinking, interventions for this group have been understudied. Gaps exist in understanding how to effectively engage this group in treatment, which treatments are the most effective, and how to maintain treatment gains in the longer term after treatment. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-247.html>

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Development innovation ventures	12/03/2013	Agency for International Development (USAID), US

Summary:

The Agency for International Development (USAID) invites applications for its development innovation ventures grants. Funding will support innovative solutions that could lead to transformative improvements to development outcomes across multiple developing countries and, ideally, multiple sectors within these countries. Solutions could include new technologies, new service delivery practices or novel or more cost-effective variations on existing practices, and are expected eventually to scale up through the private sector, public sector or a combination of the two. Proposals may be submitted at any of the following stages:

- stage one - proof of concept. Funding is intended to test the real-world viability of an innovative development solution and is worth up to US\$100,000 over two years;
- stage two - scaling and impact evaluation. Funding is provided to innovative solutions that have demonstrated success at a pilot or small-scale stage and now require support to achieve larger-scale development impact and implementation. Funding is worth up to US\$1 million over four years;
- stage three - transitioning projects to large scale. Funding is provided to transition an innovation from large-scale implementation to widespread adoption in one country or replication in at least one other country, and is worth up to US\$15m over five years.

Areas of particular focus include proposals relating to the US government’s post-earthquake Haiti strategy; water, sanitation and hygiene; and challenges in Latin American and Caribbean countries. US and non-US non-governmental organisations, businesses, higher education institutions and regional and international organisations may apply. All activities should take place in the country or countries for which funding is provided.

URL: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=164553>

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Opportunities for Researchers from Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities - Net4Society	Varies	Net4Society

Summary:

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Population Health, Health Systems and Innovation

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Assessment of availability of material for guidelines of best practice for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental Geo-Spatial datasets. SSC WC Q124/2012 DRDLR	05/10/2012	Dept of Rural Development and Land Reform: Western Cape
Summary: Appointment of a suitable service provider for Assessment of availability of material for guidelines of best practice for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental Geo-Spatial datasets for the Chief Directorate: National Geo-Spatial information, Mowbray, Cape Town		

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Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R01)	5/10/2012	NIH
Summary: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) encourages Research Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this program announcement is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol dependence and psychiatric co-morbidities, chronic and acute diseases, and organ function and damage. Study designs may include biomedical research, epidemiologic approaches, and intervention studies. URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-239.html		

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Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R21)	5/10/2012	NIH
Summary: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages research grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this program announcement is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol dependence and psychiatric co-morbidities, chronic and acute diseases, and organ function and damage. Study designs may include biomedical research, epidemiologic approaches, and intervention studies. URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-241.html		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R03)	16/10/2012	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this program announcement is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol dependence and psychiatric co-morbidities, chronic and acute diseases, and organ function and damage. Study designs may include biomedical research, epidemiologic approaches, and intervention studies. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.</p> <p>URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-240.html</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS (R21)	16/10/2012	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This FOA issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, encourages research grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to investigate the effectiveness of structural interventions that reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, there has been relatively little research that extends such efforts into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction.</p> <p>URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-243.html</p>		

TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment (R01)	5/02/2013	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director (OD) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), encourages innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Applications submitted under this FOA may include development of: Novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods to assess or correct for measurement errors or biases, methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors.</p> <p>URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-198.html</p>		

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Alcohol marketing and youth drinking (R01)	5/10/2012	NIH
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This FOA issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to investigate the factors that mediate and moderate the impact of alcohol advertising and other alcohol promotions on youth drinking.</p> <p>URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-015.html</p>		

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Development innovation ventures	12/03/2013	Agency for International Development (USAID), US
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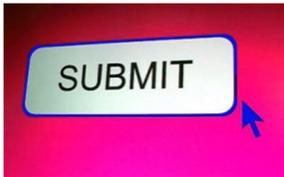


Research Use and Impact Assessment

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TITLE	DATE DUE	FUNDER
Evidence-informed policy making small grants for research	Varies	International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications, GB
Summary: The International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications invites applications for its evidence-informed policy making small grants for research. Grants support research which deepens our understanding of the evidence-informed policy making process in low and middle income countries. Researchers in low and middle income countries are eligible to apply. Individuals based in INASP partner countries are particularly encouraged to apply. Grants are worth up to \$5,000. URL: http://www.inasp.info/file/b9ba352ea3b1516f931be58b66f912d9/perii-eipm.html		



Submissions for September



- ✚ 14 September 2012: **DGSD**: COGTA - Assessment Review on the functionality of the National and Provincial Intergovernmental Relations Structures, namely MinMecs and Premiers' Coordinating Forums constituted in terms of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005 (IGRFA).
- ✚ 20 September 2012: **DGSD**: Provincial Treasury ECPC - The ECPC is seeking the services of qualified institutions, researchers and practitioners to register on a panel of short-term experts (STE) for its ongoing needs for the diagnostic and planning phases.
- ✚ 20 September 2012: **EPD**: AusAid - Africa is a priority for AusAID research awards. The AusAID Development Research Awards Scheme (ADRAS) is a competitive grants program designed to attract quality primary research on priority development themes that informs policy development.
- ✚ 21 September 2012: **EPD**: Department of Rural Development and Land Reform - Appointment of a service provider for the compilation of the Climate Change Adaptation Sector Plan for Rural Human Settlements for period of nine (09) months.



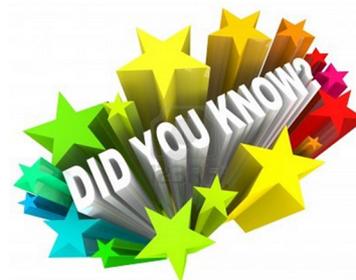
- ✚ 11 September 2012: **HAST**: DFID/MRC - DFID/MRC/Wellcome Global Health Trials 3 Outline: Evaluation of an improved family counselling intervention to reduce HIV incidence for serodiscordant couples with fertility intention.
- ✚ 11 September 2012: **HAST**: DFID/MRC - DFID/MRC/Wellcome Global Health Trials 3 Outline: Scaling up of HCT service site-based brief HIV behavioral risk reduction counselling for HIV negative and HIV positive clients in Mpumalanga province.
- ✚ 14 September 2012: **HAST**: TB Reach.

SOUTH AFRICA REVISES R&D TAX REBATE

SCIENCE MINISTER HOPES CUTTING RED TAPE WILL BOOST UPTAKE

Related Links

- [R&D tax incentives programme](#)
- [DST report on R&D incentives \(PDF\)](#)



South Africa's government has reviewed its R&D tax incentives in a hope that simpler application procedures will improve the disappointing level of uptake by firms.

Naledi Pandor, the minister of science and technology, said the revised R&D Tax Incentive Programme would be effective from 1 October. She was speaking at a science and technology conference in Cape Town on 29 August.

Under the new rules, companies claiming for tax rebates no longer need to submit separate forms to the department of science and technology and the South African Revenue Service. Instead, they will need only to submit a single form to the DST before claiming from SARS.

This form will also work as a pre-approval form for companies claiming the rebate, meaning businesses with ineligible claims will not have to waste their time writing to the revenue service.

“Companies will now know upfront whether or not their R&D is eligible for the incentive before they submit a claim to SARS”, a DST spokesman said.

South Africa offers a 150 per cent tax rebate on funding companies' expenditure on R&D. But the uptake of the rebate, introduced in 2006, has been disappointing.

Small and medium-sized companies in particular struggled to make use of the scheme in its first four years, according to a report the DST produced for parliament in 2010.

The application process has been too onerous, says Brenda Koornneef, an executive at Tiger Brands, which owns Jungle Oats, Oros juices and other South African food brands.

“The process is lengthy and industry doesn't understand it. There is also of course the lack of knowledge about the existence of incentive itself”, she says.

South Africa has seen a drop in domestic business contributions to the country's R&D spend. Local industry provided 17 per cent of the country's R&D in 1997, but only 10 per cent in 2007.

Pandor hopes the revised tax credit scheme will help reverse this development. “We would like to see significant growth in private sector R&D in South Africa and are investigating new incentives and strategies”, she said.



FDA CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS RESEARCH INTEREST AREAS

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (TCA) gives the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) broad authority to regulate tobacco product manufacturing, distribution and marketing. Although a vast and sound science base exists with regard to numerous areas of the TCA, new research will provide scientific evidence in several areas. Research areas include:

1. understanding the diversity of tobacco products
2. reducing addiction to tobacco products
3. reducing toxicity and carcinogenicity of tobacco products and smoke
4. understanding the adverse health consequences of tobacco use
5. understanding communications about tobacco products
6. understanding tobacco product marketing
7. understanding how economics and policies affect tobacco product use

FDA has identified 56 research priorities under the 7 research interest areas. The 56 research questions are listed can be viewed by visiting

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/UCM293998.pdf> (pdf – 37KB, updated January 2012).

Vulnerable populations referenced in research questions include, but are not limited to age, gender, race, ethnicity, income, occupation, geographic location, people with mental health or medical co-morbidities, the military/veterans, the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered, questioning (LGBTQ) community, and pregnant women/women of reproductive age.

FDA Center for Tobacco Products Funding Criteria

Applicants should note the specific section(s) of the Tobacco Control Act that are relevant to their research plan and why.

Review Criteria

As part of the [NIH mission](#), all applications submitted to the NIH in support of biomedical and behavioral research are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system.

Overall Impact: Reviewers will provide an overall impact/priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

Scored Review Criteria: Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit, and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

- **Significance:** Does the project address an important issue or a critical barrier in regulatory authority over tobacco products? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will regulatory science research be informed or regulation affected? How will successful completion of the aims have affect on the concepts, methods, technologies, or regulation of tobacco products?

- **Investigator(s):** Are the PD(s)/PI(s), collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, or in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD(s)/PI(s), do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?
- **Innovation:** Will the project aid in advancement of developing and evaluating regulations pertaining to the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products in order to protect public health? Will the outcomes of the project provide new information addressing regulatory authority over tobacco products?
- **Approach:** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? Is the project directly relevant to a specific section in the [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act](#)? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and are risky aspects addressed? If the project involves clinical research, are the plans for 1) protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion of minorities and members of both sexes/genders, as well as the inclusion of children, justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?
- **Environment:** Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

Additional Review Criteria

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the following additional items while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact/priority score, but will not give separate scores for these items: Protection of Human Subjects; Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children; Vertebrate Animals; and Biohazards.

For information about funding opportunities and how to apply, visit the [Funding Opportunities](#) section.



Showcasing

The ELMA Philanthropies Services (Africa) (Pty) Ltd

The ELMA Philanthropies Services is the services arm of the ELMA Group of Foundations. From locations in [New York](#), [Cape Town](#) and [Dar es Salaam](#) they develop program strategies, identify and explore grant making opportunities, monitor grant performance, and establish philanthropic relationships for the Foundations.

The ELMA Group of Foundations provides sizeable philanthropic assistance to high impact initiatives within each Foundation's area of focus.

Elma Foundations

The ELMA Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of Africa's children and youth through the support of sustainable efforts to relieve poverty, advance education, and promote health.

The ELMA Foundation aims to fund activities on the continent of Africa that:

- relieve the poverty, suffering, illness and distress of children;
- advance the education of disadvantaged children and youth;
- improve the quality of life and prospects of disadvantaged children and the families and households that support them; and
- improve health care, health care facilities, and health care infrastructure primarily for the benefit of children.

Health

In pursuit of its mission, the ELMA Foundation makes investments in health that:

- support integrated service delivery to ensure mothers, new-borns, and children receive health services seamlessly and effectively;
- develop the infrastructure needed to support healthcare service delivery; and
- advance exploration of health financing options to support service delivery and facilitate transfer of program delivery to national systems

Education

In pursuit of its mission, the ELMA Foundation makes investments in education that:

- better prepare children to learn and engage in their education at school through Early Childhood Development (ECD), supporting stronger cognitive development, increased stimulation and improved health and nutrition;
- enhance teacher development and support; and
- strengthen school leadership, governance and management of environment and activities.

Special Opportunities

The ELMA Foundation pursues special grant opportunities which may not fit neatly within, or which bridge our Education or Health program strategies. Special Opportunities grants are developed and considered on a case-by-case basis, without defined program parameters. Examples to date include:

- Children's rights – supporting organizations or programs that advance the legal rights of children
- Children's policy formation – providing support so that public policy as it concerns children is formed on well-documented facts and evidence
- Vocational training – assisting disadvantaged youth to have practical vocational training to prepare them for the job market.

Our Impact

The primary goal of ELMA's Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E) unit is to support ELMA program investments staff in formulating judgments based upon the best available evidence. RM&E seeks to bolster the research, planning and evaluation of ELMA's program investments individually as well as collectively, while strengthening internal grants administration and monitoring processes to better track specified outcomes and real-world impact. Recent efforts include:

- formalizing monitoring frameworks for each open grant to track progress against specified outcomes;
- making more explicit the values, expectations and comparative advantages that ELMA brings to its work;
- evaluating key programs to understand how different approaches are being used to address similar problems; and
- strengthening data systems to support the flow of information.

ELMA also recognizes the importance of collaboration among peer funders. To this end, ELMA is working to establish links with monitoring and evaluation practitioners in philanthropy and development, share information with other funders with an eye to joint planning, and encourage dissemination of evaluation results among donors and relevant grantees.

Strategic Partner Funding

Recognizing the tremendous potential for philanthropy to help reverse the legacy of poverty, neglect and oppression that continues to beleaguer the continent of Africa, ELMA joins forces with like-minded donors and operating foundations to expand the efforts of its beneficiaries through strong strategic partnerships. In the future we will highlight in this space those partners with whom we co-fund various programmatic initiatives.

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PRE-CALL ALERTS

ESRC-DFID JOINT FUND FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION RESEARCH - PHASE 3

Pre-call notice

ESRC and DFID are pleased to announce that we will be funding a third phase of the [ESRC-DFID joint fund for poverty alleviation research](#).

The scheme will fund world class scientific research with high potential for impact on policy and practice in low income countries. Applications are sought from across the social sciences.

This research grants call will run alongside a separate call for a new [Development Frontiers research fund](#), which will fund high-risk/high-reward world-class scientific research.

We intend to announce a call for proposals on **1 October 2012**. This pre-call is being announced in order to allow interested researchers to begin discussions with potential research partners and research users in advance of the formal call for proposals. Detailed guidance about how to apply will be provided with the call for proposals.

Further information

[Pre-call details: ESRC-DFID joint fund for poverty alleviation research - phase 3 \(PDF, 172K\)](#)



ROYAL SOCIETY-DFID AFRICA CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

This programme is for scientists who want to develop collaborative research consortia between scientists in sub-Saharan Africa and a research institution in the UK.

The overall aim of the scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of universities and research institution in sub-Saharan Africa by supporting the development of sustainable research networks.

The objectives are to:

- facilitate sustainable multidisciplinary partnerships between research groups in sub-Saharan Africa and the UK.
- strengthen research and training capacity in sub-Saharan African Institutions of Higher Education through the skill transfer between partner organisations of the research consortia.
- produce a cadre of young, talented researchers through integrated PhD scholarships and shared supervision of post-graduate students between the UK-based and African consortia members.
- evaluate the contributions of the Africa Initiative to supporting universities and institutions in Africa to develop sustainable research and research training capacity.

The scheme provides funding towards research expenses, travel and subsistence costs, (PhD) training, and limited funds for equipment.

The scheme is funded by the UK's Department for International Development.

Basic eligibility requirements:

Applicants must be based in one of the eligible sub-Saharan African countries (PDF) or the UK. In order to act as a principal investigator (PI), applicants must:

- have a PhD or have extensive research experience at an equivalent level
- have a proven track record of training students at Master's and Doctoral level
- have a proven track record of publishing in both national and international journals
- be based in the respective countries at the time of the application

Applications will be accepted in three research priority areas:

Water & sanitation
 Renewable energy
 Soil-related research

Value and tenure

The programme consists of two awards and will be delivered in two stages, as follows.

Stage 1: Scientific Network Awards

Scientific Network Awards are small start-up grants, of up to £25,000 to assist the formation of research consortia and the preparation of applications for the subsequent Programme Grants. The Society will organise a workshop for successful applicants to facilitate development of applications for the second phase of the programme. The Scientific Network awards programme will open for applications on 1 November 2012.

Stage 2: Programme Grants

Programme Grants will provide support for Research Consortia, consisting of three African groups and one UK-based laboratory.

Applicants do not need to have held a Scientific Networking award to apply for a Programme Grant.

The Programme Grant may provide support of up to £1,243,000 over a five year period, including:

Expense	Budget per partner	Total Budget
A PhD studentship for each of the African PI's	£60,000/studentship	£180,000
Research costs	Up to £20,000 per year for each research group	£400,000.
Exchanges of researchers	Costs for travel and subsistence of up to £10,000 per year for each laboratory	£200,000.
Equipment purchasing, repair and maintenance	Up to £10,000 per year for each African laboratory	£150,000
Additional training modules (workshops and seminars)	Up to £10,000 per year for each PI	£200,000
Co-ordination and management costs	10% of value of the grant	£113,000
Total Budget		£1,243,000

Application process

Applications to the Scientific Network Awards will be initially reviewed by two members of the Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Building Initiative panel and then shortlisted. The shortlisted applications are reviewed by the Panel Chair and the final decision is made.

Applications to the Programme grants will be initially reviewed by three members of the Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Strengthening Initiative panel. Applications that are shortlisted will be independently peer reviewed and discussed at a panel meeting.

Applying for this scheme

This scheme is currently closed to applications.

Scientific Network Awards

Opening date: 1 November 2012

Results announced: Summer 2013

Programme Grants

Opening date: late 2013

Results announced: late 2014