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Fellowships and scholarships

Association of Commonwealth Universities Scholarships, Awards and Fellowships

The Association of Commonwealth Universities has a variety of funding options available to students within the Commonwealth.

The ACU's Course Finder provides you with easy access to a wealth of information about what you can study, where, in the Commonwealth.

Through the provision of Scholarships and Fellowships, the ACU demonstrates its commitment year on year to increasing staff and student mobility and institution building throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

For more information, visit the ACU website.

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MRC/DFID African Leader Scheme

The [MRC/DFID African Research Leader Scheme](#) is jointly funded by the [Medical Research Council](#) (MRC) and the [Department for International Development](#) (DFID). The aim of the scheme is to strengthen research leadership and capacity in sub-Saharan Africa by attracting and retaining researchers of high ability.

Key principles of the scheme:

- provides support for outstanding non-clinical and clinical researchers, ideally from sub-Saharan Africa. Applicants are expected to be proven independent researchers and research leaders, and to be well-qualified for academic research.
- open to all research areas within the MRC's remit that address the priority health problems of people in developing countries. This includes biomedical and health research (including social sciences and public health research) and translation relevant to national and regional health needs and priorities.
- provides support for up to five years in the first instance, with the possibility for renewal subject to scientific review. The award package will include funds for a programme of research and a contribution to the research leader's salary.
- aims to build on existing strong research partnerships between African and UK research organisations. Applications should be submitted jointly between the researcher's host African research organisation and a partner UK research organisation, which demonstrate a strong track record of a high quality research partnership at the institutional level. Please note that due to MRC administrative processes, funds will be awarded to the UK partner research organisation, which will be responsible for administration of funds to the African research organisation.
- offers an institutional development element for the African institution.
- provides for the personal development of the researcher, including an opportunity to spend time in a UK institution. The UK partner research organisation will be expected to provide a programme of mentoring and support for the researcher.

For more information, visit the [MRC website](#).

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Partnerships between researchers (North/South and South/South)

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Visit the [programme's webpage](#).

Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation

The [Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation \(ESPA\)](#) research programme aims to deliver high-quality, cutting edge research that will improve understanding of the way ecosystems function, the services they provide and their relationship with the political economy and sustainable growth.

The research will provide the evidence and tools to enable decision-makers to manage ecosystems sustainably and in a way that contributes to poverty reduction.

ESPA is a seven year, £40.5 million interdisciplinary research programme funded through a partnership between the [Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#), the [Natural Environment Research Council \(NERC\)](#) and the [Economic and Social Research Council \(ESRC\)](#).

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Leverhulme-Royal Society Africa Award

The [Leverhulme-Royal Society Africa Award Scheme](#) is for scientists who want to develop a collaborative research project between the UK and research institutions in either Ghana or Tanzania.

It aims to help develop and maintain excellence in science in both countries and to strengthen the research and training capacity of the African institution.

The scheme provides 3 years funding towards research expenses and costs for mobility and equipment.

For more information, visit the [Royal Society website](#).

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Wellcome Trust African Institutions Initiative

The [Wellcome Trust's African Institutions Initiative](#) aims to develop institutional capacity to support and conduct health-related research vital to enhancing people's health, lives and livelihoods.

More than 50 institutions from 18 African countries are partnered in seven international and pan-African consortia. Each is led by an African institution and includes research and higher education partners as well as research institutes from Europe, the US and Australia.

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In the first round the Scheme is open to three-year and one-year partnerships between UK scholars and scholars in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East, South Asia, and East Asia.

Awards cover any branch of the humanities or social sciences and are intended to focus on collaborative research on a specific theme of mutual interest, rather than purely on establishing networks.

The Scheme intends to strengthen research capacity/capability, with all partners gaining from the collaboration, and to initiate the development of long-term, vigorous links between the UK and overseas scholars whilst also encouraging an intra-regional exchange of expertise and knowledge sharing.

For more information visit the [British Academy's website](#).

British Council Development Partnerships in Higher Education

The [British Council Development Partnerships in Higher Education](#) supports partnerships between higher education institutions in the UK and overseas finding new ways to fight global poverty.

The UK Government's Department for International Development (DfID) has invested up to £3 million a year in Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeIPHE). The programme provides funding to support partnerships between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) working on collaborative activity linked to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The overall goal is to enable HEIs to act as catalysts for poverty reduction and sustainable development. DeIPHE aims to achieve this by building and strengthening the capacity of HEIs to contribute towards the MDGs and promote science and technology related knowledge and skills.

For more information, visit the [DeIPHE website](#).

British Ecological Society Overseas Bursary

The British Ecological Society Overseas Bursaries scheme provides grants for ecologists in developing countries to carry out innovative ecological research. It aims to support excellent ecological science in Africa.

Each grant is normally up to £7,000 over an 18 month period and is intended for the purchase of the basic tools needed to conduct a research project, limited in-country travel and in some cases part of the applicant's salary. Funding is for innovative ecological research in any area of ecological science excluding research focused solely on agriculture, forestry and bioprospecting.

For further information, visit the [British Ecological Society website](#).

Climate Change Adaptation in Africa

[Climate Change Adaptation in Africa](#) programme seeks to improve the ability of African countries to adapt to climate change in ways that benefit the most vulnerable.

A partnership between the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#) and the [Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#), the programme supports African researchers' efforts to help communities adapt to the effects of climate change.

The programme targets participatory action research. For further information, visit the [Climate Change Adaptation in Africa website](#).

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Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

The [Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases](#) seeks to coordinate research activities that addresses on a global scale the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases.

The alliance has a global reach, bringing together an initial formative group of six major national research funding agencies. These agencies, together, represent about 80 percent of

all public research funding in the world. The Alliance's charter members are:

- Australia's National Health Medical Research Council
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
- The U.K.'s Medical Research Council
- The U.S.'s National Institutes of Health, specifically its National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Fogarty International Center (FIC)
- The Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, has been invited to join the Alliance as a charter member.

Research agencies from other countries and private funders will be invited to join in a second wave.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is joining the Alliance as an observer to facilitate Alliance support for implementation of the World Health Assembly-approved "Action Plan for the Global Strategy for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases"

For more information, visit the [Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases](#) website.

International Foundation for Science

The [International Foundation for Science](#) (IFS) is a research council with international operations and the mission to build the scientific capacity of developing countries in sciences related to the sustainable management of biological and water resources.

Researchers from developing countries can submit grant proposals for individual and collaborative grants to conduct research on the sustainable management of biological resources.

For more information, visit the [IFS website](#).

Joint Global Health Trials Scheme

The [Joint Global Health Trials Scheme](#) provides funding for the best proposals to generate new knowledge about interventions that will contribute to the improvement of health in low and middle income countries.

The scheme is funded jointly by the [Department for International Development](#), the [Medical](#)

[Research Council](#) and the [Wellcome Trust](#). There are three annual calls for proposals and £12m will be available for each round.

The scheme is primarily focused on late stage (equivalent to phase III/IV) clinical and health intervention trials evaluating efficacy and effectiveness.

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The Darwin Initiative

The [Darwin Initiative](#) assists countries that are rich in biodiversity but poor in financial

resources to meet their objectives under one or more of the three major biodiversity Conventions. These are:

- the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
- the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

This is achieved through the funding of collaborative projects which draw on UK biodiversity expertise.

For more information, visit the [Darwin Initiative website](#).

TWAS-COMSTECH Joint Research Grants

[TWAS-COMSTECH Joint Research Grants](#) are for young scientists in [Organisation of Islamic Cooperation](#) (OIC) countries working in science and technology to enable them to purchase the research facilities they need to enhance their productivity.

The programme aims at encouraging the pursuit of scientific excellence in OIC countries by identifying and supporting the best young scientists in these countries; reinforcing and promoting scientific research and strengthening the endogenous capacity in science and technology; and counteracting the brain drain and reducing the exodus of scientific talent from the OIC countries.

COMSTECH-TWAS Joint Research Grants are awarded to high-level and promising research projects carried out by young individual scientists in OIC countries.

a Research Grant amounts to a maximum of US\$15,000.

a grant is normally provided for a period of 18 months and is renewable once.

a grant may be used to purchase scientific equipment, consumables and specialized literature (textbooks and proceedings only).

the grant does not cover salaries of researchers and/or students, field expenses, travel expenses and/or participation in international conferences.

The programme provides support for research projects in the following fields of science and technology: earth sciences, engineering sciences, information technology and computer sciences, materials science including nanotechnology, pharmaceutical sciences and renewable energy.

For more information, visit the [TWAS-Comestech Joint Research Grants website](#).

Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards

[Investigator Awards](#) by the [Wellcome Trust](#) support the brightest researchers with the best ideas who are in established academic posts.

Two types of awards are available:

- [New Investigator Awards](#)
- [Senior Investigator Awards](#)

For more information, visit the [Wellcome Trust website](#).

Scholarships programme

Training in accessing research information

International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications

International Networks for the availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) works with partners to support global research communication through innovation, networking and capacity strengthening, focusing on the needs of developing and emerging countries.

INASP work with countries to address their national priorities for:

- access to national and international scholarly information and knowledge
- use, creation, management and uptake of scholarly information and knowledge via appropriate ICTs
- national, regional and international cooperation, networking and knowledge exchange

INASP also advise and advocate for improved policy and practice in achieving sustainable and equitable development through effective communication, knowledge and networks.

For more information on INASP's programmes visit their [website](#)

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- personal mentoring by highly published researchers and professional editors

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FameLab

[FameLab](#) is an exciting competition to find the new voices of science and engineering across the world.

Young scientists and engineers are offered the opportunity to receive training and mentoring to enable them to communicate effectively in a media intensive environment.

Potential benefits include:

- Learning why public engagement is important
- Enhancing your presentation skills
- Training by some of the world's best communicators
- Networking with like minded individuals during, and after, the competition
- Meeting people from many different scientific fields

The International competition is now held in 20 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa and

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Training in entrepreneurship or working with business

British Council Africa Knowledge Transfer Partnerships

The [Africa Knowledge Transfer Partnerships](#) (AKTP) are partnerships between private sector organisations and higher education institutions in Sub Saharan Africa and the UK. They leverage research, scientific knowledge and skills through innovation.

The programme is designed to help businesses improve their productivity and competitiveness using the scientific knowledge, technology and skills available from the higher education Institutions through collaborative projects between the institutions and the private sector.

Project Objectives

to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and the spread of technical and business skills, through innovative projects undertaken by high calibre, recently qualified graduates with the joint supervision of the company and university.

provide company-based training for graduates in order to enhance their business and specialist skills within the context of the project.

increase the extent of interactions by businesses with the universities and their awareness of the contribution of higher education Institutions can make to business development and growth.

For further information, visit the [AKTP website](#).

Training in grant application management

Association of Commonwealth Universities Research Management Programme

The [Association of Commonwealth Universities' Research Management Programme](#) works with universities to improve their ability to maximise the impact of their research activity. It includes a range of projects that provide assistance in identifying new sources of funds, presenting research applications and advice on costing projects and negotiating contracts with external sponsors.

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