

# Where to look for funding; international organizations & databases

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# ***Research focused opportunities***

# World Bank

## Knowledge for Change Program (KCP)

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/knowledge-for-change>

- KCP contributes to the generation, transformation and dissemination of knowledge.
- KCP III funds policy relevant research and data activities in the following themes:
  - [Fragility and Risk Management](#)
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# United Nations sub-organizations

- UN Foundation (<https://unfoundation.org/who-we-are/our-approach/>)
- UN Research Institute for Social Development, UNRISD (<https://www.unrisd.org/>) It conducts policy-relevant, cutting-edge research on social development that is pertinent to the work of the United Nations Secretariat.

# African Academy of Science, AAS

- Their vision is to see transformed lives on the African continent through science.
- They fund game changing ideas and innovations to transform Africa.
- Currently they don't have any open funding opportunities, follow the upcoming calls here: <https://www.aasciences.africa/funding>

# International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD

- IFAD grants support research, innovation, institutional change and pro-poor technologies. They are closely linked to our country programmes and often support connections between different initiatives in a country.
- They extend two types of grants, depending on the nature of the innovation and the scope of intervention: global or regional grants, and country-specific grants.
- Currently there are no open calls, follow the upcoming calls here: <https://www.ifad.org/en/grants-design-and-management>

# International Development Research Centre, IDRC

- They fund projects that aim to foster climate-resilient food systems, global health, education and science, democratic and inclusive governance, and sustainable and inclusive economies in developing countries. Gender equality and inclusion are also central to their strategy and the research they support.
- Currently they don't have any open funding calls, follow the upcoming calls here: <https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding>

# The World Academy of Science, TWAS

- **TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals)**
  - Grants are awarded to promising high-level research projects in **Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics** carried out by **individual scientists in one of the S&T-lagging countries** (Country list: <https://twas.org/node/2329>).
  - Duration 24 months, max. funding 15 000\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-individuals>
- **TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups)**
  - Same as previous call, but for research groups
  - Duration 24 months, max. funding 30 000\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>
- **Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (PIs)**
  - Programme is aimed at young scientists who are getting established in their country or about to return home to an academic position. Under this scheme, grants are awarded to promising high-level research projects in **Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Information Computer Technology, Mathematics, Medical Sciences and Physics**.
  - Duration 24 months, max. funding 67 700\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/seed-grant-new-african-principal-investigators-sg-napi>

# International Foundation for Science, IFS

- Overall Objective of the IFS Program is to enhance the capacity of early career **scientists in low, and lower middle-income countries** to conduct relevant research, influence research agendas at local, regional and global levels and increase science literacy.
- IFS provides tailored research capacity-enhancing support to promising early career scientists based around the provision of individual **Basic Grants** and **Advanced Grants**.
- Proposals may be submitted **within the three thematic research clusters of:**
  - Biological Resources in Terrestrial Systems
  - Water and Aquatic Resources, and
  - Food Security, Dietary Diversity and Healthy Livelihoods
- See more information about grants: <http://www.ifs.se/ifs-programme/>

# Gerda Henkel Foundation

- The Gerda Henkel Foundation concentrates its support on the historical humanities;
  - Archaeology; History of Art; History of Islamic Studies;
  - History; History of Science: History of Law; Prehistory and Early History
- **Special Funding Programmes on;**
  - Democracy: "Democracy as a Utopia, Experience and Threats" / "Transformations of Democracy? Or: The Contours of Future Democratic Society."
  - Lost Cities: "Perception of and living with abandoned cities in the cultures of the world"
- See more information about these grants: <https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/grants>
- Lisa Masken Fellowships: Support young humanities researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. <https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/lmf>

# Carnegie Corporation of New York

- Carnegie Corporation of New York works to promote democracy, education, and peace across the globe, advancing knowledge and understanding in these areas of central importance
- Current international program areas:
  - International Peace and Security [Peacebuilding in Africa; Cross-cutting Challenges]
  - Higher education and Research in Africa [Grantmaking seeks to deepen and expand the continent's advanced academic communities, networks, and universities, and promote policies that inform the growing higher education sector.]
- See more info on the programs: <https://www.carnegie.org/programs/>

# Medicine focused funding opportunities

- **Wellcome Trust:**

- Support to [discovery research](#) into life, health and wellbeing, tackling three worldwide health challenges: [mental health](#), [infectious disease](#) and [climate and health](#)
- Various funding opportunities available; for all career states, and both for individuals and teams, see more: <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding>

- **John Hopkins University** research opportunities databases:

- <https://research.jhu.edu/rdt/funding-opportunities/>

# Education focused funding opportunities

- **Spencer Foundation:**

- They support high-quality, innovative research on education, broadly conceived.
- See the calls here: <https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>

- **National Academy of Education:**

- They seek to encourage new generations of scholars to undertake and strengthen research relevant to the improvement of education and support early-career scholars working in critical areas of education research
- Offers both PhD and post-doc Fellowships: <https://naeducation.org/fellowships/>

# Databases for funding opportunities

- AuthorAid (African focused opportunities):
- <https://www.authoraid.info/en/funding/>
- University of Turku list of funding opportunities, both for individual researchers (PhD & post-doc fellowships) and for teams (grants).
- <https://seafire.utu.fi/f/4099dd0c5a73441fa273/>
- List up-dated on regular basis, so do check it every month

# ***Development focused opportunities***

# Nordic Development Fund, NDF

- A joint Nordic international finance institution focusing on the nexus between climate change and development in lower-income countries and countries in fragile situations.
- NDF provides financing on concessionary terms in the form of grants, loans and equity.
- Tenders notices available regularly: <https://www.ndf.int/what-we-finance/projects/tender-notices.html>

# African Development Bank

## Various initiatives

- The overarching objective of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group is to spur sustainable economic development and social progress in its regional member countries (RMCs), thus contributing to poverty reduction.
- They fund governmental projects and initiatives for African states.
- List of their initiatives can be found here:

<https://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships>

# Nordic Environment Finance Corporation, NEFCO

## The Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa (BGFA)

- Aims to stimulate and accelerate the emergence of new business models to incentivize the private sector to offer affordable and clean energy access at scale to people living in rural and peri-urban areas. Part of the Power Africa Initiative. Funded by Sweden (SIDA), Denmark (MoFA), and Germany (KfW).
- The planned period of implementation is in total six years. The programme aims to benefit 5 to 15 million rural and peri-urban people in the participating countries.
- <https://www.nefco.int/fund-mobilisation/funds-managed-by-nefco/beyond-the-grid-fund-for-africa/>
- Current fund programmes in;
  - Uganda: (20,7 mil€ / approx. 10 projects by off-grid companies, benefiting 3 million people),
  - Mozambique: (6,7 mil€ / approx. 4 projects by off-grid companies, benefiting 210 t people), Burkina Faso, Liberia, Zambia: (approx. 30 mil€ / 15 projects by off-grid companies, benefiting 3,5 million people)

# Green Climate Fund, GCF

- Mandated to support developing countries raise and realize their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambitions towards low-emissions, climate-resilient pathways.
- They invest across four transitions – built environment; energy & industry; human security, livelihoods and wellbeing; and land-use, forests and ecosystems.



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