

News on Grants

European Commission

The European Commission has launched a "ERC Synergy Grant" to enable substantial advances in cross-fertilization of scientific fields, from new productive lines of inquiry, or new methods and techniques, including unconventional approaches and investigations at the interface between established disciplines.

Synergy Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 10 000 000 for a period of 6 years.

Deadline: November 5, 2019

European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)

The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) is seeking proposals to provide funding for clinical trials to be conducted in sub-Saharan Africa which aims to develop new or improved medicinal products (drugs and vaccines) or combinations thereof against pathogens from the WHO priority list that also fall within the scope of the EDCTP2 programme, specifically *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

Deadline: November 7, 2019

Department for International Development (DFID)

The IZA/DFID Programme on Gender, Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries (G²LM|LIC) has announced a call for proposals with an aim to build a significant new body of evidence on gender, growth, and labour markets to help shape gender and labour market policies in low-income countries.

Deadline: November 11, 2019

Investigator Awards

Investigator Awards enable independent researchers with a compelling research vision to tackle the most important questions in science.

Level of funding: Flexible funding, up to around £3 million for up to 7 years

Deadline: November 12, 2019

Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health

Reducing Stigma to Improve HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) seeks to stimulate new and impactful research towards the development of stigma reduction interventions leading to better outcomes for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and on the quality of life of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) in LMICs.

Award Budget: The award ceiling of this NOFO is \$150,000.

Deadline: February 24, 2019

Ethics and Regulatory Capacities 2019

Proposals should include support for development or scale-up of innovative systems and technologies that support ethics and regulatory functions, training, networking and promotion of good practices and evidence-based adoption of accreditation models from relevant internationally endorsed/peer-reviewed documented sources.

Maximum funding: €500,000
Funding level: 100% of eligible costs

Deadline: November 21, 2019

Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF)

The Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF) aims to bridge the critical gap early in the career path from research experience to research leadership.

AREF is an independent charity established by the UK Medical Research Council and led from sub-Saharan Africa, with the support of the UK Medical Research Foundation.

Deadline: November 27, 2019

Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) with support from Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) offers research grants to Nigerian citizens wishing to undertake research work in fields related to nature conservation and sustainable livelihood.

The grant shall be to support a PhD programme with a theme "Human-Wildlife Conflict".

Deadline: November 30, 2019

Knowledge-sharing and Commitment to Mutual Learning within the Nonprofit Space - Istanbul Principle VII

Nonprofits play an increasingly important role in both local and international development. With a dynamic environment fraught with uncertainties, no single nonprofit is a repository of all knowledge, hence the need for continuous learning.

To address developmental challenges, the activities of nonprofits are increasingly reliant on high-quality information and knowledge shared - necessary for organisational effectiveness and sustainability through collaborative practices.

Knowledge is the intellectual capital of any organisation and it must be said that while many nonprofits lack the critical processes and knowledge needed to help them develop, evaluate, document, and share successful programs, there are quite a number who have these capacities. Being in the space to create and share knowledge with one another while mutually committing to continuous and sustained learning is key to long term organisational effectiveness for individual organisations and the nonprofit sector at large. Part of the benefits for Civil society organisations (CSOs) involved in this kind of arrangement is renewed capacity to execute key activities within a given time-frame.

Knowledge-sharing engenders growth within the sector especially when smaller nonprofits are privy to experiences of bigger organisations who faced down challenges in the past, learnt from them and eventually delivered on their goals. Thus, various actors while working together would produce knowledge and share essential information that promote grassroots development.

The 7th Istanbul principle of development effectiveness states – "CSOs are effective as development actors when they enhance the ways they learn from their experience, from other CSOs and development actors, integrating evidence from development practice and results, including the knowledge and wisdom of local and indigenous communities, strengthening innovation and their vision for the future they would like to see".

CSOs need to commit to mutual learning and knowledge sharing because developmental issues can only be addressed by acting together, which is necessary for achieving collaboration and mutual learning for nonprofits. Many pressing concerns are universal, and can only be tackled by multi-sectoral collaboration and sharing mechanisms. Working together guarantees long-term prosperity for all, reduces duplicity of actions and plays a key role in informing coherent policy-making for better global impacts.

Despite the dynamics of power among nonprofits in Nigeria that hinder proper information sharing and constitute barriers to collective knowledge development, nonprofits should see themselves as partners, collaborate, share information and commit to mutual learning from all stakeholders for the good of their organisation and the society at large.

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