**Funding Opportunities**

**EDCTP-WHO/TDR CLINICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS**  
World Health Organization, CH and other funders

These fellowships enable researchers and key members of clinical trial research teams from low- and middle-income countries to acquire specialist skills in clinical research and development through placements in pharmaceutical companies, product development partnerships and academic affiliated research institutions. Fellows employed by a research institution in any LMICs are placed in pharmaceutical companies and product development partnerships either in or outside Europe. Additionally fellows employed by a sub-Saharan African legal entity are placed in European-based pharmaceutical companies to train and develop specific clinical research skills of relevance to poverty-related diseases.

Junior to mid-career researchers or clinical staff who have been employed by a legal entity in a LMIC where they are currently working on activities in the scope of the EDCTP2 programme and the WHO/TDR CDF programme may apply.

The home organization should be the main applicant. Applicants must be committed to returning to their home organization for a minimum of two years after completion of the fellowship. Placements can last from 12 to 18 months, following which there may be a re-integration period of six months, subject to the approval of a final re-integration plan.

- **Budget:** The total budget for this call is €3.5 million and will cover 100 per cent of eligible costs.
- **Funder's website:**  
  **Closing Date:** 2 February 2017

**GENERAL GRANTS**

Mérieux Foundation – FondationMérieux, FR

The Mérieux Foundation invites applications for its general grants. These support projects that improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases. Proposals including mothers and children as beneficiaries will be given priority. Projects must meet the following criteria:

- it is run in a developing country by local people;
- it relates to HIV/Aids, tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis, neglected tropical infections and other infectious diseases that represent significant problems to public health;
- it provides concrete solutions that are suitable and sustainable for the local population and goes beyond education and outreach.

**Closing date** 01 Mar 17  
**Award amount max** €5,000

**Funder's website:**  
[http://www.fondation-merieux.org/-grants-programme.html](http://www.fondation-merieux.org/-grants-programme.html)

**BREAKTHROUGH-RESEARCH**  
Agency for International Development (USAID), US

The Agency for International Development (USAID) invites applications for its breakthrough-RESEARCH grant. This aims to increase the practice of priority health behaviours and enabling social norms, including gender norms, for improved health and development outcomes, with an emphasis on improving family planning, reproductive health, maternal and newborn health care, HIV and AIDS, and malaria health outcomes. The project will work to
disseminate and advance research around social and behaviour change (SBC) technical areas and interventions in which existing evidence is considered insufficient. The project must capitalise on previous investments and current efforts in SBC research and evaluation within and outside of USAID and focus on producing, packaging and disseminating research that may be utilised by SBC implementers in their work. Research should focus on applying evidence for impact, feasibility and cost-benefit SBC interventions, especially on the following outcomes:

- developing and disseminating research agendas within health and development communities of practice;
- generating evidence of SBC impact, feasibility and cost-benefit;
- packaging and sharing evidence of SBC impact, feasibility and cost-benefit with priority audiences;
- using SBC evidence and learning in targeted United States Government supported programmes.

Applications from organisations which have not previously received financial assistance from USAID are welcomed.

- **Closing date:** 03 Mar 17, Applications due by 4pm EDT, 3 March 2017.
- **Award amount max:** USD 55,000
- **Funder’s website:** [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=291035](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=291035)

**ESSENTIAL GRANTS WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP**

Medical Research Foundation, GB

The Medical Research Foundation, under the Africa Research Excellence Fund, invites applications for its essential grants writing skills workshop. This enables early-career researchers to build skills for application writing and increase their competitiveness in securing funding in a three-day workshop, to be held from 22 to 24 May 2017 in Dakar, Senegal. The programme works to strengthen health research capacity of scientists in sub-Saharan Africa who are engaged in tackling the subregion’s significant health challenges.

Applicants may be:

- Postdoctoral scientist from all health-related disciplines, whose PhD was awarded within four years by 1 July 2017 and who are actively engaged in any field of health research;
- Medical doctors with a relevant master’s degree and up to three years of active research experience in clinical or other relevant field;
- Researchers who fall in the above categories and are not planning to compete for AREF research development fellowships.

Applicants must be active researchers with a current employment contract with a university or research institution in a sub-Saharan African country, including South Africa. Applicants must have authored or co-authored at least three publications in international peer-reviewed journals within the past five years. There are 30 places available. Priority for eight of these places is given to women applicants and to those from Francophone or Lusophone countries.

- **Closing date:** 08 Feb 17
- **Deadline:** 4pm GMT, 8 February 2017.
- **Funder’s website:** [http://www.mrc.ac.uk/skills-careers/fellowships/career-development/](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/skills-careers/fellowships/career-development/)

**DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANTS IN DANIDA PRIORITY COUNTRIES**

Udenrigsministeriet – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, DK

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark invites applications for its development research collaboration grants in Danida priority countries. These support strategic research cooperation projects which will generate new knowledge relevant to
the needs and strategies of priority countries and to Denmark's development cooperation, as well as strengthening research capacity in developing countries. Priority countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Palestine, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda. Research should be undertaken within the following themes:
- growth and technological innovation;
- gender equality and development;
- humanitarian assistance and development;
- resilience to climate change;
- state building.

Total budget: DKK 75 million. Projects may receive up to DKK 10 million each, over five years.
- **Closing date** 03 Mar 17, Applications due by 12 noon Danish time, 3 March 2017.
- **Award amount max** DKK 10,000,000
- **Funder's website:** http://dfcentre.com/research/calls-for-applications/

### MOBILITY GRANTS
**Udenrigsministeriet – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, DK**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, under its Danida Fellowship Centre, invites applications for its mobility grants. These enable researchers from growth and transition countries to conduct research stays in Denmark. The objective of the grants is to strengthen the creation and development of networks and longer-term research collaborations. Research must be concerned with country-specific themes.

Applications must be submitted by the Danish host institution, which must be a university or a public or private research-based institution or private company in Denmark. Visiting researchers must hold a PhD and be employed by a university of research-based public or private institution in Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, South Africa, Turkey or Vietnam. The total budget is DKK 5 million. Grants are worth up to DKK 250,000 each for duration of up to one year.
- **Closing date** 17 Mar 17, 12 noon Danish time.
- **Award amount max** DKK 250,000
- **Funder's Website** http://dfcentre.com/research/calls-for-applications/
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Funder’s website:
http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/browsee/2017-jpnd-call-for-multinational-research/jpnd-call-for-multinational-research-projects-for-pathway-analysis-across-neurodegenerative-diseases/

TARGETED BASIC BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE AND INTERVENTION DEVELOPMENT FOR HIV PREVENTION AND CARE (R01)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits innovative, targeted basic behavioral and social science and intervention development research to reduce incident HIV infections and improve the health of those living with HIV. This FOA encourages research designed to (a) conduct basic behavioral and social science research that is needed to advance the development of HIV prevention and care interventions, (b) translate and operationalize the findings from these basic studies to develop interventions and assess their acceptability and feasibility and (c) conduct tests of the efficacy of HIV prevention and care interventions.

Funder’s website:

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