FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) The Christensen Fund

The Christensen Fund makes grants to organizations that work towards maintaining the rich diversity of the world biological and cultural over the long run. Applicants seeking grants for 2007 can submit an inquiry or pre-proposal by 31 March 2007.

For more information, please contact:
2) The Natural Environment Research Council

The Natural Environment Research Council, Economic and Social Research Council and Department for International Development in the United Kingdom invite applications to perform situation analyses of the challenges to ecosystem services most important to the well being of the poor, and the information required by policy makers to address them, in the following four regions: Amazonia/Andes, Semi-arid Africa, India and the Hindu Khush, China.

The teams will have expertise in environmental science and appropriate social science disciplines. The consortia are likely to include scientists from the region, the UK and elsewhere and will be led by researchers from the region. This call is open to researchers based in recognised higher education institutions, research organisations or organisations with a credible research capacity. Total funds expected to be available in connection with this call are approximately £1,000,000. The closing date is 30 March 2007.

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3) The World Conservation Union - Netherlands

The IUCN NL/ Ecosystem Grants Programme (EGP) is a small grants fund for projects of local organizations in the South that link nature conservation and poverty issues. The geographic cover extends to West Africa, South East Asia and Parana-Paraguay. Deadline for applications is 1 March 2007.

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Ecosystem Grants Programme
Plantage Middenlaan 2K
1018 DD, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
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E-mail: proposals@iucn.nl
4) African Forest Research Network – Grants for Junior and Senior Scientists

The Junior and Senior Scientists Fellowship Programs (JSF program) of African Forest Research Network (AFORNET) supports research in forest science and related areas. The grants are open to promising African scientists affiliated to training and research institutions in Africa who have shown the potential to undertake creative and innovative research in forestry in Africa, whether individually or as a team. Potential applicants include:

Active researchers in forestry science and related areas; Post-doctoral or graduate researchers, including post graduate students registered abroad, but intending to undertake field research in Africa; and Graduates intending to undertake research for a higher professional qualification.

Applicants to the Junior Scientists’ Fellowship Program should not be over 40 years at the time of application. AFORNET is also inviting African tree and forest scientists to submit multi-disciplinary and trans-national research proposals that fall under one of the following thematic areas:

Woodland, natural forests and biodiversity conservation; Community-based forestry; Reforestation and rehabilitation of degraded and arid lands; Socio-economics and policy issues; Non-Timber Forest Products and Lesser known timber. Application deadline is March 31 and September 30 yearly.

Grants are open to teams of senior scientists who are willing to undertake collaborative and trans-national research in Africa. There is no age limit for the applicants to the Senior Scientists’ Fellowship Program.

For more information on the two programs, visit AFORNET Website at: http://www.afornet.org/grants.asp

5) The Regional Environmental Centre

The Regional Environmental Centre (REC), with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), proposes to support Environmental Civil Society Organisation (CSO) projects related to urban environment and sustainability in the Western Balkan region.

The programme foresees two granting schemes at the national and regional level. The total amount available for Regional Grants is 200,000 EURO. Regional grants are up to EURO 35,000 each. In exceptional cases grants can reach up to EURO 50,000.

REC is currently launching, the first round of national grants for CSOs. More information on these national grants can be found with each of the respective REC country offices as well as under the project website at http://www.rec.org/sector/support/national-grants.html

Aarhus Pilot Project The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe is calling for national pilot project applications as part of the regional project “Improving the Practices of Public Participation: Next Steps in Implementing the Aarhus Convention in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Kosovo.

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E-mail: grantinfo@rec.org
Web: http://www.rec.org/REC/Programs/NGO_Support/GrantsProgram.html
6) African Women's Development Fund

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. The AWDF is an institutional capacity-building and programme development fund, which aims to help build a culture of learning and partnerships within the African women's movement. In addition to awarding grants, the AWDF attempts to strengthen the organisational capacities of its grantees. The AWDF funds work in five thematic areas: Women's Human Rights, Political Participation, Peace Building, Health, Reproductive Rights and HIV/AIDS, Economic Empowerment. The AWDF makes grants in three cycles each year. Applications can be sent in at any time.

For more information on how to apply, visit their website at: http://www.awdf.org/pages/index.php?pid=2&sid=24

7) Pioneer Hi-Bred International

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. is committed to helping improve the quality of life in the communities where its customers and employees live and work. The Community Investment department develops implements and provides charitable programs to support quality of life initiatives. It provides grants to the following programs:

- Fellowships

To support the training of scientists in plant sciences, particularly in crops of interest to Pioneer, by funding graduate students at major agricultural universities in United States of America.

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- Conferences and Meetings

To support research conferences, meetings, and memberships addressing topics of relevance to Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Areas of interest include plant science research, global agronomy, germplasm preservation, and plant biotechnology.

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8) Royal Geographical Society

The society aims to promote 'the advancement of geographical science', supporting research, education, expeditions and fieldwork. The following grants are offered by the society.

- The society offers two annual fellowships of up to £8,000 for geographical research in the arid regions of the world. Deadline is 30 March 2007.
• The Peter Fleming Award is an annual award of up to £9,000 for a geographical research project that seeks to advance geographical science. The award is open to UK nationals at a post-doctoral level. Deadline is 30 March 2007
• Geographical Fieldwork Award is for field research and expedition teams. Deadline 22 June 2007 for winter/southern summer expeditions.

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London, SW7 2AR, UK.
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Web: http://www.rgs.org/grants

9) The Foundation for Biodiversity

The Foundation for Biodiversity has released a call for a total amount of € 3,000,000 for projects in 2007, referring directly to Biosphere Reserves in Spain and Biosphere Reserves of the Ibero-American network in Portugal and Latin America. Deadline for applications is 2 March 2007.

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The Foundation for Biodiversity
C/ Fortuny, 7,
28010, Madrid, Spain.
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E-mail: galonso@fundacion-biodiversidad.es

10) The Bonneville Environmental Foundation

The Bonneville Environmental Foundation is dedicated to restoring watershed ecosystems throughout the Pacific Northwest and Renewable Energy Program. The organization aims at by applying rigorous project standards and supporting only long-term and science-based restoration initiatives, they invest our resources in projects with the greatest potential to produce positive ecological improvements. There are no specific deadlines for grant application; the organization reviews the applications periodically.

For further information, please contact:
Bonneville Environmental Foundation
240 SW 1st Avenue
Portland, OR 97204, USA.
Tel.: +1 503 248 1905
E-mail: info@b-e-f.org
Web: http://www.b-e-f.org/grants/
11) START – Research Grants

START fosters regional networks of collaborating scientists and institutions in developing countries to conduct research on regional aspects of environment. The organization funds Small Research Grants for African scientists.

The organization is conducting a series of several intensive institutes to enhance the pool of trained young scientists from developing countries by engaging them in a network of researchers using cross-disciplinary approaches to address key issues of global environmental change and sustainable development. Application deadline is 15 March 2007. For specific details regarding the program please visit the site.

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Web: http://www.start.org

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12) West African Research Center Travel Grant

The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal is offering travel bursaries which may be used assist in attend and present papers at academic conferences, to visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant’s current academic work or to travel to a research site.

Upon completion of their research, grantees are required to submit a detailed report of their work and findings. This report will subsequently be published in the biannual West African Research Association (WARA). A deadline for application is March 15, 2007.

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Fax: +221 824 2058
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Web: http://web.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/fund_travel.htm

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13) The Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program

The Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) caters conservation leaders in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. EFN supports promising conservationists through a number of programs.

There are various programs which the organization caters to, programs currently open for funding are:

- Nsanjama-Palmer Rising Star Scholarships
- Alumni Grant
- The Russell E. Train Fellowships
The last date for application is 30 March 2007.

For more information, please contact:
World Wildlife Fund
1250 Twenty-Fourth Street,
N.W. P.O. Box 97180
Washington, DC 20090-7180, USA.
Tel.: +1 202 293 4800
E-mail: efn@wwfus.org
Web: http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn/ or http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn/wheretoapply.cfm#ecuado

14) The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

The organization funds grants to botany and terrestrial ecosystems in relation to research and training. Geographic focus includes the US, Latin America and South Africa. Grants are only open by invitation to extant grantees. There is no specific deadline for submitting proposals.

For more information, please contact:
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William Robertson IV
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Fax: +1 212 500 2302
E-mail: wr@mellon.org
Web: http://www.mellon.org/grant_programs/programs/conservation

15) Economy and Environment Programme for South-East Asia Awards

The Economy and Environment Programme for South-East Asia (EEPSEA) provides awards for research and training in environmental and resource economics to South-East Asian researchers. Applications for awards are invited from citizens of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea.

Research awards are granted through twice-yearly competitions. They are normally of one year in duration and may be used to finance PhD dissertations. Applicants should obtain the following two documents: Guidelines for Research Proposals and How to Design a Research Project in Environmental Economics from the EEPSEA Secretariat or Website. Deadlines for applications are 1 March and 1 September of each year.

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EEPSEA Tanglin
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Singapore, 912404.
Fax: +65 235 1849
Web: http://www.idrc.org.sg/EEPSEA

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16) The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, strengthens institutions, helps improve public policy, and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media. With few exceptions, as noted elsewhere, there are no fixed deadlines for application to their grant program.

However, there is a specific application procedure needed to be followed which can be viewed at their Web site.

For more information, please contact:
Headquarters, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Office of Grants Management
140 S Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603-5385, USA.
Tel.: +1 312 726 8000
Fax: +1 312 920 6258
E-mail: 4answers@macfound.org

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17) Inter-American Foundation

The Inter-American Foundation funds the self-help efforts of grassroots groups in Latin America and the Caribbean to improve living conditions of the disadvantaged, enhance their capacity for decision-making and self-governance, and develop partnerships with the public sector, business and civil society. There are no submission deadlines.

For more information, please contact:
Inter-American Foundation, Program Office,
901 North Stuart Street, 10th Floor,
Arlington, VA, 22203 USA.
E-mail: proposals@iaf.gov
Web: http://www.iaf.gov/grants/apply_grant_en.asp?grant=1

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18) The National Geographic Society

The National Geographic Society awards grants for scientific field research and exploration through its Committee for Research and Exploration. Applications are generally limited to the following disciplines: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biology, botany, geography, geology, oceanography, palaeontology, and zoology.

Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees (PhD or equivalent) and be associated with an educational organization or institution. Independent researchers or those pursuing a Ph.D.-level degree may apply, but awards to non-PhD applicants are rare. Funding is not restricted to United States citizens. Researchers planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams. Grant amounts vary greatly, most range from U.S. $15,000 to $20,000. There is no set quantity of grants awarded, but budget constraints keep the number to approximately 250 per year.

For further information, please contact:
19) The Levinson Foundation - Research Grant

The organization funds programs conserving and protecting the environment including Protection of Ecosystems and Biological Diversity; Alternative Energy and Conversion from the Oil Economy; Alternative Agriculture and Local Green Economic Development; Breaking the Link between Resource Extraction, Civil and International Conflict, and Markets; and the Development of Environmental Movements. Grants are currently awarded once a year and are mostly in the $10,000 to $20,000 range. The deadline to submit proposals for grants is April 2, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
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P.O. Box 6309, Santa Fe, NM 87502-6309, USA.
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E-mail: info@levinsonfoundation.org
Web: http://www.levinsonfoundation.org

20) The J.C. Downing Foundation

The J.C. Downing Foundation supports innovative projects in relation to Environmental Research and Preservation. Foundation funds the early stages of a project's development and adds value to a project through active participation. There are no submission deadlines.

For more information, please contact:
J.C. Downing Foundation
PMB 422
10755 Scripps Poway Pkwy Ste F
San Diego, CA 92131-3924, USA.
E-mail: director@jcdowning.org
Web: http://www.jcdowning.org/main/mission.htm

21) International Development Research Centre – Doctoral Research Awards

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) grants Doctoral Research Awards which are intended to promote the growth of Canadian capacity in research on sustainable and equitable development from an international perspective. It caters to Canadian citizens and citizens from developing countries who are registered in Canadian University. The application deadline is April 1, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
IDRC Doctoral Research Awards
Centre Training and Awards Program
22) Schumpeter Fellowships

The Schumpeter Fellowships aims at supporting outstanding young scholars in economics, social science, and law who wish to open up new areas of research in interdisciplinary projects. The application deadline is March 31, 2007.

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Web: http://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/foerderung/strukturen-und-personen/schumpeter-fellowships.html?L=1

23) Borlaug Leadership Awards

The Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP) awards up to $20,000 to outstanding MSc or PhD students (enrolled in either U.S. or home country universities) from USAID-assisted countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The awards support internships/thesis research of up to 12 months at a CGIAR international agriculture research center and also need to link a U.S. university mentor with a scientist at a CG Centre.

The fellowship program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), to enhance the quality of thesis research of graduate students from developing countries who show strong promise as leaders in the field of agriculture and related disciplines as defined by Title XII. LEAP is part of the overall Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. The LEAP program will support engaging a mentor at a Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) system center to support and enhance the thesis research and mentoring experience.

The geographic focus region for the current Request for Applications (RFA) is sub-Saharan Africa. Borlaug LEAP Fellowships are awarded twice a year (March 15 and October 15) but can be submitted any time during the year. Applications are to be sent directly to the Borlaug-LEAP Office at the University of California-Davis.

For more information and to download the application forms please contact:
Borlaug LEAP Program (2754)
24) UNESCO Co Sponsored Fellowships

The UNESCO Fellowships Programme, through the award and administration of fellowships, study and travel grants, and aims to: Contribute to the enhancement of human resources and national capacity. The following grants are available for the year 2007:

a) UNESCO/People's Republic of China (The Great Wall) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme. Deadline for application is 19, April, 2007.

b) UNESCO/Israel (MASHAV) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme. Application deadline is 15, March 2007.

For more information on the specific scholarships and the eligibility please visit: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.phpURL_ID=14133&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
Or contact:
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7, place de Fontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP, France.
Tel.: +33 1 45 68 10 00
Fax: +33 1 45 67 16 90
E-mail: bpi@unesco.org
Web: http://www.unesco.org

25) Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation

Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation (PBS) supports short course mid-career training (maximum 1 year) for those working in the field of conservation or associated disciplines. Applications should be submitted to the nearest WWF Office or Associate and the deadline for submission is at the end of January of each year. Application need to be submitted through an online form.

Preference is given to applications from Africa, Asia, Latin America or Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe and the Middle East seeking support for studies in their own country or region.

For further information and to know application process, visit the Web sites below:

26) Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme
The Fellowship scheme is managed by Rothamsted International, primary objective of this prestigious fellowship scheme is the exchange of vital scientific skills and technologies relevant to the agricultural and environmental needs and aspirations of developing and emerging countries.

Applications will normally be considered from established scientists from developing or emerging countries. There is no set deadline to submit an application.

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Web: http://www.rothamsted-international.org/Grants.html

27) Sixty PhD positions at Hannover Biomedical Research School

Hannover Biomedical Research School in Germany, as part of Hannover Medical School (MHH), invite applications for around sixty (60) PhD studentships, to commence in October 2007. The three-year study programs, taught in English, are aimed at post-graduates in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine as well as those from Life Science fields. As well as working on a 3-year research project, students also attend seminars, lab and soft-skill courses, congresses, symposiums and summer schools. Successful candidates will finish with a PhD. Scholarships are fully funded by the DFG (Excellence Initiative), MHH, partner institutes and their respective departments.

MHH are looking for highly-motivated candidates who have an active interest in one of the fields associated with one or more of the programs on offer. Excellent written and spoken English skills are required. With nearly two thirds of our students coming from outside Germany, international applicants are welcome. Application forms to be found on the website below (Note: There is a separate application form for each program, please click on program for the relevant form).

MD/PhD in Molecular Medicine: The program aims to form a bridge between Science and the Clinic, in research as well as in teaching. For information on this program contact: Dr. Susanne Kruse.

PhD Infection Biology: Students focus on the main topics in Infection, Immunology, Microbiology, Virology and Cell Biology. For information on this program contact Natalie Evans Tel.: +49 511 532 9742 and E-mail: zib@mh-hannover.de

PhD Regenerative Sciences: Research and teaching concentrates on Developmental Biology, Stem Cell Biology, Biology of Ageing and Degeneration, Growth Factors and Other Regenerative Agents, Cell Therapy, Tissue Engineering including Materials Sciences, and Ethical as well as Regulatory Implications.

The deadline for sending completed application is April 1st, 2007

For more information, and to obtain application form write to:
Dr. Susanne Kruse
Medizinische Hochschule
Hannover, Germany.
Tel.: +49 511 532 6011
28) Fellowships from Scholar Rescue Fund 2007

The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships for scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit scholars to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues, and the community at large. When conditions improve, these scholars will return home to help rebuild universities and societies ravaged by fear, conflict and repression.

Academics, researchers and independent scholars from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Preference is given to scholars with a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their field; who have extensive teaching or research experience at a university, college or other institution of higher learning; who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; and whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host country or region. Applications from female scholars and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged. Applications are accepted at any time.

For more information, visit the Web site below:
http://www.iie.org/programs/srf/apply.htm

29) African Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme

One important task of the Nordic Africa Institute is to establish and maintain relations with African research communities. This is inter alia carried out through a Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme, the aim of which is to provide opportunities for its participants to pursue their own research projects, thereby indirectly strengthening the academic milieux in African countries, and promoting scholarly exchange with Nordic research communities. The program is directed at senior scholars in Africa engaged in research on/about the African continent with a proven track record of extensive post-graduate research experiences. Women are encouraged to apply. Eligibility fields include global trade and regional integration, gender and age, post-conflict transition, the state and civil society. A deadline for application is 1 April 2007. Please note that this scholarship program is directed at scholars in Africa, engaged in research on the African continent.

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30) Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship

Coca-Cola offers-Two-Year Colleges Scholarship to students pursuing graduate courses, the nominees may be first and/or second year students planning to continue their education at a two-year institution. All the applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2007.

For more information, information:
31) ITTO Fellowships – 2007 cycle

ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber.

The maximum amount for a fellowship grant is US$10 000. Only nationals of ITTO member countries are eligible to apply. The next deadline to receive application is 8 March 2007, for activities that will begin no sooner than 1 August 2007.

For more information, including application forms (available also in French or Spanish) contact:
Dr. Chisato Aoki,
Fellowship Program,
ITTO, Japan.
Fax: +81 45 223 1111
E-mail: fellowship@itto.or.jp

32) The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

The Institute offers Short Term Fellowships Fellowship Program for students in Latin America. Short-term projects one can research in the areas of ecology, anthropology, paleontology, paleoecology, evolutionary biology, molecular phylogenetics, biogeography, animal behavior, neurobiology, soils sciences, and physiology of tropical plants and animals. Application deadline is May 15, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Apartado Postal 0843-03092
Panamá, República de Panamá.
E-mail: fellows@si.edu
Web: http://www.stri.org

33) Gottlieb Daimler- und Karl Benz-Stiftung

The program is open to all disciplines, subjects and countries. Fellowships are intended to provide initial support at the outset of PhD work. Deadlines for submitting complete applications to the Foundation are March 1 and October 1 each year.

For more information, please contact:
34) The Institute for African Development - Tuition Fellowship Award

The Institute for African Development (IAD)-Tuition Fellowship Award is a one-year non-renewable and non-extendable fellowship awarded on a competitive basis to graduate students from sub Saharan Africa interested in studying at Cornell University in United States. Citizens of African countries accepted to Cornell University for graduate study in any of the eleven fields of study are eligible for the award.

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Web: http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/africa/funding/tuition.asp

35) Asian Institute of Technology

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Asian Institute of Technology have partnered to offer students from developing Asian nations the chance to pursue their master's or doctoral studies in fields relating to sustainable development at one of Asia's leading postgraduate institutions. The deadline for the application for January semester and August semester is 15 March.

For more information, please contact:
Admissions and Scholarships Unit,
Asian Institute of Technology,
P.O. Box 4, Klong Luang
Pathumthani 12120, Thailand.
Tel.: +662 524 5031
Fax: +662 524 6326
E-mail: admissions@ait.ac.th
Web: http://www.ait.ac.th

36) H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship Program

Heinz Fellowships are granted to individuals from developing countries who demonstrate potential as future leaders in the public, government, non-profit, or private sectors. The goal is to improve, early in a career, the Fellows’ capacity to contribute to the development of their country and to enhance their understanding of the United States. This is accomplished through a year of auditing selected courses
and participating in practical professional activities while based in Pittsburgh. Courses taken as part of
the Heinz Fellowship do not earn credit towards an academic degree. Application deadline is March

For more information, please visit the Web site below:
Web: http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/heinzfellowship/about.html

37) Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development - Fellowships program

The purpose of the fellowship program is to provide Arab Ph.D. holders with opportunities to conduct
research and/or lecture in the universities of the world. Applications must be received at least one year
prior to the date of commencement of the fellowship.

For more information, please contact:
The Arab Fund Fellowships Program,
The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development,
P. O. Box 21923 SAFAT 13080, Kuwait.
Tel.: + 965 495 9000
Fax: + 965 48 15750/60/70
E-mail: zamalat@arabfund.org or hq@arabfund.org
Web: http://www.arabfund.org/ENINDEX.HTM

38) The Wenner-Gren Foundation

The Foundation offers a variety of grant programs for anthropological research and scholarships that
are open to applicants irrespective of nationality or country of residence. The following grants are
stated as follows:

• Wadsworth Short-Term Fellowships provides support for doctoral students or post-doctoral
  scholars who are within ten years of receiving their doctorate to enhance their research
capacity in the field of anthropology. There is no specific deadline for this program.
• Dissertation Fieldwork Grants are awarded to aid doctoral or thesis research to support basic
  research in anthropology. Students of all nationalities are eligible to apply. The application
  deadlines are May 1, 2007.
• Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships support the writing-up of already completed research.
  Scholars with a Ph.D. in hand for no more than ten years are eligible to apply. Application
  deadlines are May 1 and November 1.

For more information, please contact:
The Wenner-Gren Foundation
470 Park Avenue South in Manhattan
New York, NY, USA.
Tel.: + 1 212 683 5000
Fax: +1 212 683 9151
E-mail: inquiries@wennergren.org
Web: http://www.wennergren.org/programs/

39) Duke University/Sanford Institute - Fleishman Fellowship
Joel L. Fleishman Civil Society Fellows Program provides a select group of leaders from organizations with the opportunity to perform research and work with Institute faculty and other Duke affiliates on issues related to the development of civil society for a period of four weeks beginning from October 2007. The Application deadline is May 1, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
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Fax: +1 919 681 8288
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Web: http://www.pubpol.duke.edu/about/
Application available at: http://www.pubpol.duke.edu/centers/civil/

LIST SERVES, DIRECTORIES, PORTALS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Web portals with grants/scholarships opportunities:

**Fin Aid! The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid** -
FinAid offers an annotated collection of information about student financial aid, including scholarships, loans, and other types of aid. FinAid’s sister site **FastWeb** allows users to search a database of 600,000 scholarship opportunities. Users must register for FastWeb’s free scholarship search.
http://fastweb.com/
http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/

**Grantsnet.org** -
This funding portal provides the latest index of research funding, scholarships, fellowships, and internships for postdocs, graduate and undergraduates students, as well as listings of U.S. government funding opportunities.
http://www.grantsnet.org


Sustainable management of biological resources -
http://www.ifs.se/Programme/granting_programme.asp


Links to over 2400 grantmaker web sites – http://fdncenter.org/funders/

Web portals for funding/grant writing proposals:
The following documents/web portals are an attempt to collect together a number of suggestions about what makes a good proposal. Some are inevitably personal views on the part of the authors.
Guide for writing a funding proposal - [http://www.learnerassociates.net/proposal/](http://www.learnerassociates.net/proposal/)


A practical guide for writing proposals - [http://members.dca.net/areid/proposal.htm](http://members.dca.net/areid/proposal.htm)


Grant writing tips and links - [http://www.schoolgrants.org/tips.htm](http://www.schoolgrants.org/tips.htm)

Keys to successfully written grants - [http://www.treelink.org/grants/keys.phtml](http://www.treelink.org/grants/keys.phtml)

Fund raising / grant seeking basics - [http://www.treelink.org/grants/basics.phtml](http://www.treelink.org/grants/basics.phtml)

Tips on proposal development - [http://www.jmu.edu/sponsprog/writingtips.html](http://www.jmu.edu/sponsprog/writingtips.html)

Writing a good grant proposal - [http://research.microsoft.com/~simonpj/papers/Proposal.html](http://research.microsoft.com/~simonpj/papers/Proposal.html)


Tips for publishing and presentations - [http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast_the_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf](http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast_the_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf)

Learn about proposal tips and pitfalls - [http://www.proposalwriter.com/pointers.html](http://www.proposalwriter.com/pointers.html)

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**Workshop: Writing reports and proposals, Stellenbosch University Language Centre, 2–4 April 2007**

The Stellenbosch University Language Centre based in South Africa will be presenting a workshop series for employees in the public and private sector from 2 to 4 April 2007. This workshop series is aimed at people who, in their official capacity, often have to write reports and proposals. In this workshop series you will learn how to plan your writing and how to write effective reports and proposals according to guidelines for each document type. Material from especially the public sector will be used as examples during the workshop series. Closing date for entries is 19 March 2007.

For more information visit the following link: [http://academic.sun.ac.za/taalsentrum/EVD/index_engframeset.htm](http://academic.sun.ac.za/taalsentrum/EVD/index_engframeset.htm)

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**Symposium on climate change and its impacts, September 10 - 17, 2007 Hawai’i Island**

DISCCRS (pronounced "discourse") targets recent Ph.D. graduates to catalyze international, interdisciplinary understanding and collaborations across the natural and social sciences, humanities,
mathematics, engineering and other disciplines related to climate change and its impacts. Recent Ph.D. graduates from all disciplines and countries are invited to join the DISCCRS network and apply to be a DISCCRS symposium scholar.

Only those completed Ph.D. between April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2007 in any discipline related to climate change and impacts are eligible. Funding is provided for symposium airfare, housing and meals. Application deadline is April 30, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
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Web: http://www.aslo.org/phd/disccrsposter.pdf

Conference: New Directions in Development Assistance, University of Oxford/Cornell University, 11-12 June 2007

Oxford’s Global Economic Governance Programme and Cornell University will co-sponsor a conference aimed at generating new ideas for the future of aid and development assistance. The conference organisers would like to welcome submissions from scholars and graduate students on topics related to the themes of the conference. The organisers are particularly interested in authors offering perspectives from developing countries.

Authors should submit an abstract and short biography to this E-mail: sabeel.rahman@pmb.ox.ac.uk by Friday, March 2, 2007.

Training course: Measuring Land-Cover Change and its Impact on Endangered Species: April 2-6, 2007

The Smithsonian National Zoological Park’s Conservation and Research Center is offering the following Advanced Conservation GIS and Remote Sensing course. This one-week advanced GIS and remote sensing course provides Conservation biologists and wildlife managers an opportunity to learn how GIS and remote sensing can be used to assess the conservation status of endangered species. Each participant is provided with his or her own desktop computer for all lab exercises. During the hands-on exercises participants will use the Internet, ArcView, ArcView Spatial Analyst, ERDAS Imagine, Fragstats, and other spatial analysis programs. Instructors will lead participants step-by-step through the processes of:

• conducting a regional conservation assessment using GIS to determine critical conservation areas for an endangered species
• acquiring multi-date satellite imagery used to quantify land cover change and map the extent of remaining habitat
• using landscape analysis to determine optimal landscape configurations for conserving an endangered species.

For more information and registration, contact the following:
Marcela Suarez-Rubio
1500 Remount Road
The Property and Environment Research Center - Enviropreneur Camp

The Property and Environment Research Center is organizing Enviropreneur camp for early to mid-career environmental practitioners. Around 17 fellows will be selected for the camp and would be benefiting from lectures, field trips and networking with researchers and conservationist. The camp will take place July 11-26, 2007 in Bozeman, USA. The application deadline is March 26, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
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Web: http://www.enviropreneurs.com

Other upcoming International Courses and Training related to forest policy

Web link to an upcoming courses and training related to forest policy:
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