



FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS
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Welcome to the April 2009 issue of our forestry funding news alert. This electronic newsletter is compiled by the FAO Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) team. It is a compilation of news related to forestry funding for fund seekers worldwide.

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SITA Trust Enriching Nature Programme

Enriching Nature is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for wildlife projects. They provide funding to support species and habitats that have been identified as a priority by the Biodiversity Action Planning process. SITA Trust can fund physical improvements at specified sites, as well as monitoring and research at specific sites.

Next deadline is 24th June 2009 (Board meeting 13th October 2009).

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Web: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply>

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2. ATREE Grant Program

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore, India invites proposals from individuals for research projects under its Small Grants program. ATREE focuses on application of science to conservation of nature and sustainable use of natural resources by generating new knowledge, building human capacities, and working towards improving environmental governance. ATREE's commitment to conserving biological diversity spans both ecological and socio-economic concerns bringing a unique interdisciplinary approach to addressing conservation issues in India.

Deadline for submitting proposals: (in two rounds)

1st round deadline: 15th April , 2009

2nd round deadline: 15th November, 2009

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ATREE

Royal Enclave

Srirampura

Jakkur Post

Bangalore-560064

Telephone: 080-23635555 (EPABX)

Fax : 080- 23530070

Email : info@atree.org

Web: http://www.atree.org/small_grants_2009.html

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3. IUCN – Small Grants for the Purchase of Nature (SPN)

The objective of this fund is the purchase of vulnerable nature, with the aim to conserve biodiversity for the long term. Please send a pre-proposal to NCIUCN first. NGOs from

Eastern Europe and CIS countries should contact the secretariat of the EECONET Action Fund. **The deadline for preproposals is 1st of May 2009 (12.00 GMT).**

For more information please contact:
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Email: mail@iucn.nl or spn@iucn.nl
Web: <http://www.iucn.nl/fondsen/>

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4. International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2010

Swiss Re, a global reinsurance company, is committed to supporting the planning, evaluation and implementation of water-related projects with the aim of promoting awareness and encouraging the efficient use of this precious resource. The International ReSource Award is worth US\$150,000 in total and is granted to one or several projects selected by an international jury. Launched in 2002, the ReSource Award is an internationally recognised prize for leadership in implementing the principles of sustainability in watershed management. It is conferred annually. The prize money is awarded exclusively for project implementation activities and not for building-up or strengthening the organisations that are submitting an application. **The deadline for application is April 30 2009.**

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ReSource Award
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Web: <http://www.comminit.com/en/node/267916/306>

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5. Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) Grant Program

Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) is a Quaker-organisation, which primarily works with newly established and small organizations in the developing world. RSWR's grants support innovative income-generating projects and environmental regeneration (reforestation, agro-forestry, alternative energy sources). Project grants may be used for: revolving loan for seed money, start-up supplies and equipment essential for the project, training, salary for persons needed to oversee the project, travel expenses, administrative expenses such as the cost of preparing and mailing reports to RSWR. RSWR has two funding cycles. There is a **deadline** for each cycle, **June 30** and December 31. We strongly recommend that proposals be received by us at least a month in advance of these deadlines.

For more information please contact:
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765.966.0314 - Phone
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Web: <http://www.rswr.org>

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6. Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund)

The Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) is an international philanthropic organization that identifies projects and programs to advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry for the benefit of people, trees and the environment. We promote research-based tree care for current and future generations.

May 1st, 2009 (5:00 p.m. Central Time) is the application deadline for the following grants programs: Hyland R. Johns Grant Program; Arboriculture Education Program Grant; and Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships. Applications received after the published deadlines will not be accepted. Additionally, applicants should note that only one application per organization may be submitted to the TREE Fund within a calendar year.

For more information and application please contact:
Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund
552 So. Washington St., Suite 109
Naperville, IL 60540
phone: (630) 369-8300
fax: (630) 369-8382
Web: http://www.treefund.org/grants_scholarships.htm

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7. Weeden Foundation Grants

Next deadline for submission of applications for the Weeden Foundation is **May 22, 2009**. Their funding areas are: Domestic Biodiversity, International Biodiversity, Land Acquisition, Population and Consumption. If your work or project falls within one of these areas, submit a letter of inquiry to the Foundation prior to sending a full proposal. The Foundation does NOT: award grants for endowment or capital fund projects; support large organizations with well-established funding sources, except to assist them in launching promising, new projects for which funding is not readily available; allow any portion of a grant to be used for university overhead or indirect costs; award general support grants, except to small organizations with entire missions that coincide with an area of interest to the Foundation; or award grants to individuals, but does provide support for an individual's project if it is sponsored by a domestic or foreign educational, scientific or charitable organization.

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8. Scientific Capacity Building/Enhancement for Developing Countries

Scientific Capacity Building/Enhancement for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries Phase III: from April 2009: The CAPaBLE Programme enhances scientific capacity in developing countries to improve their decision-making in target areas related to global change (as relevant to the APN under its 2nd Strategic Plan) that are directly linked to their sustainable development. The APN is inviting proposals for funding and is able to provide financial support for Comprehensive Research Projects (CRPs) that will run for up to 3 years during Phase III of the CAPaBLE Programme from April 2009. Projects that will run for 1 or 2 years are also eligible; however, priority will be given to longer-term projects. The Call for Comprehensive Research Proposals specifically targets capacity enhancement of leading researchers in developing countries to produce comprehensive scientific information on climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability which are made available for policy-makers in developing countries and which will contribute to international scientific exercises such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Proposals should be submitted to the APN Secretariat by email to CAPaBLE-Proposals@apn-gcr.org. Please indicate in the subject line of the email: "Proposal Application for Comprehensive Research". **The deadline for receiving summary proposals is Friday 29th August 2008, Midnight (24:00) Japanese Standard Time**

Additional information or queries should be directed to:
APN's Scientific Officer, Linda Stevenson at l Stevenson@apn-gcr.org and
Programme Fellow, Kristine Garcia at kgarcia@apn-gcr.org.
Web: http://www.apn-gcr.org/en/callforproposals/cfp08_CAPaBLE-CRP.htm

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9. EuropeAid 2009 call for proposals

EuropeAid's is guided by the 'Environment and sustainable management of natural resources including energy' thematic programme (ENRTP). This four-year strategy addresses environmental challenges that have a profound effect on the lives of poor people: rapidly degrading key ecosystems, climate change, poor global environmental governance and inadequate access to and security of energy supplies. A new call for proposals is expected to be published in April / May 2009. Check the [Funding opportunities](#) pages regularly. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/environment/index_en.htm

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10. Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Scholarships are a component of a regional program that aims to develop leadership and build partnerships and linkages within the Asia-Pacific. They are intended for those who are already leaders or have the potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes, both in their own countries and in the Asia-Pacific region. Awards are open to all fields of study, however, study programs that relate to the priority themes of international trade, pandemics, security and climate change (including clean energy) are encouraged. Scholarships are not available for military training, or training in areas related to nuclear technology and flying aircraft. AusAID will accept ALA Scholarship applications for the 2010 academic year **from March 2009 until June 30, 2009**. All applicants are required to submit

an unconditional offer from an Australian University and IELTS or TOEFL Test results as evidence of their English Language Proficiency with their application. Please take steps to ensure that you meet these two criteria as soon as possible. For more information and application form please visit: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm> . If the material found on this website does not provide the necessary help, please direct enquiries by email to: ala@ausaid.gov.au .

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11. Wenner-Gren Foundation - International Collaborative Research Grants

The International Collaborative Research Grant (ICRG) supports international research collaborations between two or more qualified scholars, where the principal investigators bring different and complementary perspectives, knowledge, and/or skills to the project. Supplemental funds are also available to provide essential training for academic research participants in ICRG-funded projects (co-applicants, students, as well as other professional colleagues). By encouraging international collaborations, the grant contributes to the development of an international anthropology that values and incorporates different national perspectives and resources. By providing training funds, the grant helps to build capacity in countries where anthropology may be under-resourced. The grants are for a maximum of \$30,000 for the research project. **The next application deadline is June 1**, for applicants requesting funding in January through June of the following year.

For more information, please contact:

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Web: http://www.wennergren.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=368683

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12. American Association for the Advancement of Science

The Executive Office invites groups of three AAAS Fellows to nominate AAAS members for election as Fellows. At least two of the three sponsors must not be affiliated with the institution of the nominee. A nomination form must be completed and signed by the primary sponsor and each sponsor must submit a supporting letter. It is important that all three letters in support of a nominee be informational, with a clear indication of the areas in which a nominee has contributed and sufficient explanation of why election as a Fellow is justified. **The deadline for receipt of complete, printed nomination documentation is 11 May 2009.** Nominations received after the deadline or nominations with incomplete documentation as of 11 May will be held for consideration in the following year.

American Association for the Advancement of Science

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Web: <http://www.aaas.org/aboutaaas/fellows/instructions.shtml>

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13. Fellowship Fund Branch (FFI)

AFUW QLD, the Queensland association of the Australian Federation of University Women, has been providing fellowships and scholarships for postgraduate research or study since 1972. AFUWQ is part of the International Federation of University Women. A branch of AFUWQ, the Fellowship Fund Branch, Inc (FFI), was incorporated in 1983 to perform the management and administration of Fellowships. The Fellowship Fund Branch of AFUWQ Inc (FFI) awards two types of fellowship. These are: The Freda Bage Fellowship (three years), and The Commemorative Fellowships (one year). The Fellowships are named after women who have made outstanding contributions as scholars and leaders in tertiary institutions in Queensland.. **Applications for study in 2010 are due June 30th, 2009.**

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AUSTRALIA

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Academic Dress Hire Service
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St Lucia Campus, University of Queensland
BRISBANE, QLD 4072

Tel: +61-7-3371 1758
Email: applications@afuwqfellowships.com
web: <http://www.afuwqfellowships.com/welcome-f.html>

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14. Daiwa Scholarships 2009

Daiwa Scholarships offer young and talented UK citizens with strong leadership potential the opportunity to acquire Japanese language skills and to access expertise and knowledge relevant to their career goals over 19 months in Japan. Since 1991, 106 graduates from 38 universities and 22 different subject areas – from engineering to politics and from fine art to law – have each benefited from a Daiwa Scholarship. They are awarded by The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, a UK charity that supports links between Britain and Japan, to encourage better understanding between both countries.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 4 December 2008.

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Daiwa Foundation Japan House
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London NW1 4QP
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Email: scholarships@dajf.org.uk
Web: http://www.dajf.org.uk/page_e.asp?Section=Scholarships&ID=52

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15. Research Awards in Environmental Economics for SE Asian Scholars.

The theme of EEPSEA's research program is the internalization of external costs. There is widespread interest in minimizing pollution and resource degradation by insuring that economic agents face the full costs of their activities. But many questions remain to be answered: What is the economic value of the environmental damage incurred by a given activity? What roles can sectoral, macroeconomic and trade policies play in achieving full-cost pricing? What roles do community management of resources, changes in property rights and other institutional factors play? What factors affect the political and administrative feasibility of price changes? Does full-cost pricing have negative effects on the poor and how might these be mitigated? What are the alternatives to pricing policy? What are the implications of full-cost pricing for economic growth and structural change?

The deadline for new proposals to be considered for the workshop is August 1, 2009.

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Web: www.eepsea.org or http://www.eepsea.org/ev_en.php?ID=7721_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

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16. Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships

Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations. The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas.

Interested applicants must apply for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships through their local Rotary club. Because timelines vary, only your local club can provide specific information about application deadlines. For 2010-11 awards, club deadlines may be as early as 1 March 2009 or as late as 15 August 2009. Remember that availability varies by Rotary district. If your local district is not offering scholarships at this time, try inquiring next year.

For more information please contact:

Rotary International

One Rotary Center

1560 Sherman Ave.

Evanston, IL 60201, USA

Phone: 847-866-3000

Fax: 847-328-8554 or 847-328-8281

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time

Email: inquiries@rotaryintl.org

Web:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarship/s/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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17. Rothamsted International - African Fellows Programme (AFP)

The RI African Fellows Programme is a scheme that aims to facilitate capacity building and training in agricultural science by providing sub-Saharan African scientists with Fellowships to work with a research group at a European laboratory. The program is open to mid-career scientists from Sub-Saharan African countries to carry-out projects for 4 to 12 months at universities or research institutes across Europe. The programme addresses local agricultural problems and facilitates capacity building and knowledge transfer. The scheme is funded entirely by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation and is administered by Rothamsted International.

The next deadline for pre-proposals is Friday 19th June 2009.

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Web: http://www.rothamsted-international.org/fellowships_index.shtml

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18. Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) Grants Program

The Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) is a global network of forest research plots committed to the study of tropical and temperate forest function and diversity. The multi-institutional network comprises more than thirty forest research plots across the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with a strong focus on tropical regions. The CTFS Grants Program provides opportunities for senior researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students to use existing CTFS plots to conduct research with scientists affiliated with them. Social scientists and natural scientists are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded annually. Submissions will be accepted yearly. **The next deadline for applications is April 15, 2009.** Decisions will be made approximately three months after the deadline.

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Web: <http://www.ctfs.si.edu/group/Grants+%26+Training/Grants>

19. UNESCO Capacity Building Programme for Scientists from D.R.Congo

The Congo2010 Consortium represents a partnership between the University of Kisangani, the Royal Museum for Central Africa, the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and the National Botanical Garden of Belgium that aims to stimulate biodiversity research in the D.R. Congo. This partnership funds nine fellowships to Congolese scientists for 3 months of training in the field of biological and environmental sciences relevant for biodiversity inventory and nature conservation studies in the D.R.Congo. A Scientific Committee,

established under the auspices of UNESCO, will select the fellows based on their pre-proposals. Retained applicants receive funding for training at a dedicated Belgian (or other European) University or Research Institute and a start-up sum for their final research proposal. This start-up funding will not exceed US\$5000. The funding is provided by the Flanders-UNESCO-Science-Trust-Fund (FUST), administered by the Congo2010Consortium. **Closing date call for proposals: (24:00) GMT on Friday, 17 April 2009.**

For more information visit http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=7490&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html or contact Erik Verheyen at erik.verheyen@naturalsciences.be

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20. RUFORUM graduate scholarship announcement

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a member-based organisation of 25 universities in Eastern and Southern Africa whose goal is to strengthen graduate training and agricultural related research. This is done by providing resources and peer support, to generate knowledge, research products and human resources to support agricultural development. RUFORUM is involved in Regional graduate programmes that are responsive to stakeholder needs and national and regional development goals. The programme will be hosted in Kenya by Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, but resource persons will come from universities and other institutions in the region and beyond. RUFORUM is offering a limited number of scholarships for the regional MSc. programme in Research Methods. Applicants should first apply to Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture for admission to the programme. Admission to the programme is a prerequisite for consideration for scholarship. The scholarship will cover application fee, tuition fees, research costs, economy class return air fare(s), medical cover and living expenses. Full details will be given on admission. The scholarship does not cater for family members/dependants of students. **All applications must be received by end of day on 30th June 2009.**

Application Address
RUFORUM SECRETARIAT
Attn: Program Manager (Training & Quality Assurance)
(Scholarship Application - RM/GF/M/09/1)
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Fax: +256-41-4534153
Email : secretariat@ruforum.org with copy to ekaya@africaonline.co.ke
Web: <http://knowledge.cta.int/en/Dossiers/CTA-and-S-T/Fellowships-grants/RUFORUM-graduate-scholarship-announcement>

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21. University of Pavia CICOPS Scholarships 2010

Introduction: In order to promote international co-operation, particularly with developing countries, the University of Pavia and EDiSU (Institute for the Right of University Studies) are offering, for the year 2010, seven scholarships for visiting scholars for a period of stay of 4 to 10 weeks. Scholarships are designed for both junior and senior members of universities in developing countries or members of major research centres and international organisations or institutions with specific interests in the field of development studies. Applicants must have at least two years of either teaching experience or activity in international organisations and institutions. **Applications deadline: June 30th 2009**

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22. Call for Papers: 6th African Finance Journal Conference

Theme: Research and Development in Development Finance

Date: 16 – 17th July, 2009

Venue: Lagoon Beach Hotel, Milnerton, Cape Town, South Africa

The African Finance Journal in association with several academic institutions will host the 6th African Finance Journal Conference at the Lagoon Beach Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa. May we take this opportunity to invite you to submit papers for presentations at the conference. The emphasis of the conference will be on high-quality, theoretical and/or applied research focusing on issues relevant to development finance/economics research which have special relevance to Africa. The African Finance Journal is IBSS and Econlit listed and accredited by the South African government's National Research Foundation for Research subsidy purpose. All conference papers will be reviewed for possible publication in a special issue of the African Finance Journal.

Call for Papers Deadline for Abstracts: 30 March 2009. Deadline for full papers: 30 June 2009

Please email your abstract to:

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23. UNCCD Photo Competition to Combat Desertification

The secretariat of the United Nations convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has launched a second international photo contest. From the flyer, "the purpose of the contest is to raise wider awareness for the issues of land degradation and desertification in drylands and their social consequences. We are looking for photos that conceptually and artistically depict either the efforts of people conserving soil, land and/or water in drylands, or the relationship between affected people and ecosystems in drylands."

Deadline is 17 June 2009, World Day to Combat Desertification.

For more information please contact:

UNITED NATIONS Convention to Combat Desertification

UNCCD Secretariat

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Web: <http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/photocontest/menu.php?newch=main>

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