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Welcome to the October 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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We also appreciate to receive feedback from people who use and/or circulate this newsletter.

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Microinsurance Innovation Facility

Housed at the International Labour Organization's Social Finance Programme, the Microinsurance Innovation Facility seeks to increase the availability of quality insurance for the developing world's low-income families to help them guard against risk and overcome poverty. The Facility was launched in 2008 with the support of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Over the next five years, the Facility will provide innovation grants, fund technical assistance, conduct research and disseminate information to enable insurance products and delivery models to provide better protection to the working poor. The Microinsurance Innovation Facility and the European Development Research Network (EUDN) invite academic researchers to submit proposals for research that will contribute new knowledge to support microinsurance development in developing countries.

The deadline for proposals is 30 October 2009.

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Carbon Trust – Applied research call for proposals

The Carbon Trust's mission is to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy, by working with organisations to reduce carbon emissions now and develop commercial low carbon technologies for the future.

For more information on call for applications and to register, please visit the website:

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch>

The next call opens on 14th December 2009.

Contact

The Carbon Trust Head Office:

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

EPSRC is the main UK government agency for funding research and training in engineering and the physical sciences, investing more than £800 million a year in a broad range of subjects – from mathematics to materials science, and from information technology to structural engineering.

Funding plans: Cross-disciplinary interfaces; Information and communications technology; Materials, mechanical and medical engineering; Mathematical sciences; Physical sciences; Process, environment and sustainability; Research infrastructure and international.

For more information:

For more information, and to see the current calls for proposals, please visit:

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/ResearchFunding/Opportunities/FutureCalls.htm>

DFID Mini Grants Scheme

Each year DFID provides funds to organisations in the UK for projects which raise awareness of global poverty, how it is being tackled, and how we can all get involved. The DFID Mini Grants Scheme is aimed at organisations, networks and groups which want to run small projects which will raise awareness of international development issues in their community. DFID provides grant funding of £1,000 to £10,000 per year, for up to 3 years.

Project proposals must be submitted by 31 October 2009.

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2009 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

GDN now invites researchers from developing and transition countries to submit new research proposals, completed research papers and proposals for scaling-up development projects. The three research themes seek to explore pressing global issues - globalization and regulation, international migration and regional integration. The Competition, funded by the Government of Japan; Luxembourg Ministry of Finance and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers cash prizes and travel expenses to finalists to present their research/proposals at GDN's next conference in Prague in January 2010.

The deadline for submitting research proposals/papers has been extended till October 20th, 2009.

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http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=gdnet_awards_and_medals_2009_feature

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.

The goal of the John Z. Duling Grant Program is to provide seed money or partial support for research and technology transfer projects that advance arboricultural knowledge and address topics that have the potential of benefiting the everyday work of arborists. Projects are expected to be completed within one to three years. Grant award amounts will vary depending on the adjudged value of the project relative to the needs of the arboriculture community. Awards are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 and no project will receive more than one award from this program. Please note that funds cannot be used to pay for overhead expenses or student tuition and fees.

Submission deadline is November 1st 2009.

For more information and application please contact

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Web: https://fs2.formsite.com/TREEFund/JohnZDulingGrant/secure_index.html

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 deadlines are 24th November 2009 for Large Grants Scheme.

For more information, please contact

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

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)

Next deadline (second round): 15th November, 2009.

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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.

The next deadline is December 31 2009 (for decisions in April 2010).

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Scientific Capacity Building/Enhancement for Developing Countries (CAPaBLE)

CAPaBLE proposals should be in the area of global change and sustainable development with specific emphasis on: Scientific Capacity Development, Science-Policy Interfacing, Awareness Raising Activities and Dissemination Activities. The CAPaBLE programme enhances scientific capacity in developing countries to improve decision-making in focus areas of global change and sustainable development. Proposed activities for funding from April 2010 should be aimed at providing scientists (particularly emerging, developing-country scientists) with opportunities for scientific capacity development in topics of interest under the CAPaBLE Programme. Special emphasis is placed on targeting developing country scientists in the Asia-Pacific region; targeting specific topics in the area of global change and sustainable development and partnership activities, as outlined in the APN's Second Strategic Plan (available for download on the APN website); and dissemination activities for policy- and decision-makers and civil society.

All proponents interested in submitting a proposal to the APN under its CAPaBLE Call for Proposals must submit a Summary Proposal with a carbon copy to the nFP and to the SPG member from the proponent's country, following the guidelines and template specified in this guideline by the deadline of 14 August 2009, Friday, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time. Successful proponents will proceed to Stage 2 and will be invited to submit a Full Proposal for further consideration for APN funding. **The full proposal must follow the instructions and format specified in this guideline, and must be received by the APN Secretariat no later than 16 October 2009, Friday, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time.**

Contacts

Proposals should be submitted to the APN Secretariat by email to: CAPaBLE-Proposals@apn-gcr.org

Additional information or queries should be directed to APN's Scientific Officer, Linda Stevenson at l Stevenson@apn-gcr.org and Coordinator, Kristine Garcia at kgarcia@apn-gcr.org
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Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

The mission of the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) is to enable investigation of change in the Earth's life support systems as it occurs in the Asia-Pacific region to: identify, explain and predict changes in the context of both natural and anthropogenic forcing; assess potential regional and global vulnerability of natural and human systems; and contribute, from the science perspective, to the development of policy options for appropriate responses to global change that will also contribute to sustainable development. As part of its programme of activities, the APN issues an Annual Regional Call for Proposals (ARCP). In the 2009 ARCP call for research proposals, proposals must involve at least 3 APN member and/or approved countries, 2 of which must be developing countries. New Procedure for Proposal Submission: All proponents interested to submit a proposal to the APN must submit a Stage 1 Summary Proposal with a carbon copy to the NFP and to the SPG member (where one exists) from the proponent's country, following the guidelines and template specified in this guideline by the deadline of 14 August 2009, Friday, midnight – Japanese Standard Time. Successful proponents will proceed to Stage 2 and will be invited to submit a Full Proposal for further consideration for APN funding. **The full proposal must follow the instructions and format specified in this guideline; and must be received by the APN Secretariat no later than 16 October 2009, Friday, midnight – Japanese Standard Time.**

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[gcr.org/en/callforproposals/2009%20ARCP%20Guide%20for%20Proponents_FIN_AL.doc](http://www.apn-gcr.org/en/callforproposals/2009%20ARCP%20Guide%20for%20Proponents_FIN_AL.doc)

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).

Next deadlines: No earlier than January 1, 2010 and no later than March 15, 2010 for travel to take place between July 1, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2010.

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African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

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.

AWDF funds work in six thematic areas: Women's Human Rights; Political Participation; Peace Building; Health, Reproductive Rights; Economic Empowerment and HIV/AIDS.

Organisations can apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$40,000. Kindly note that most grants will be for less than the maximum. Grants over \$20,000 are only made to organisations which operate on a regional basis.

The AWDF makes grants in three cycles each year. Applications can be sent in at any time.

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Fellowships in Sustainability Science - Harvard University's Center for International Development

The Sustainability Science Program at Harvard University's Center for International Development invites applications for resident fellowships in sustainability science for the University's academic year beginning in September 2010. The fellowship competition is open to advanced doctoral and post-doctoral students, and to mid-career professionals engaged in research or practice to facilitate the design, implementation, and evaluation of effective interventions that promote sustainable development. Applicants should describe how their work would contribute to "sustainability science," the emerging field of use-inspired research seeking understanding of the interactions between human and environmental systems as well as the application of such knowledge to sustainability challenges relating to advancing development of agriculture, habitation, energy and materials, health and water while conserving the earth's life support systems. This year we will give some preference to applicants who address the challenges related to meeting human needs for water or food/agriculture/land use in the context of sustainable development. In addition to general funds available to support this fellowship offering, special funding for the Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowships in Sustainability Science is available to support citizens of Italy or developing countries who are therefore especially encouraged to apply.

Due date for applications: December 1, 2009.

Contacts:

The Sustainability Science Program is directed by Professors William Clark and Michael Kremer, and Nancy Dickson. For more information on the fellowships application process see <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/sustsci/fellowship>.

UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi (Japan) Co-Sponsored Research Fellowships Programme 2010 Cycle

With a view to keeping alive and honouring the spirit of former Prime Minister Obuchi and his belief in "people building the next era", 20 fellowships per year, for the ninth year, will be awarded to deserving candidates from UNESCO developing countries, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), who are eager to undertake research on one or more of the topics listed below. The aim of the fellowships is to support innovative and imaginative post-graduate research in the areas of development to which former Prime Minister Obuchi was committed and which coincide with areas of particular interest to UNESCO.

Deadline for the submission of applications: 8 January 2010.

More information at:

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=14635&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Post Doctoral Studies - 2009 Cycle

Within the framework of UNESCO's Co-Sponsored Fellowships Scheme, a joint programme is being launched with Israel's Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education, and, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, with a view to promoting post-doctoral study and research.

Closing Date for Submission of Documents to UNESCO by Applicants

Approved by Israeli universities: 30 October 2009. Starting Date of Research: During academic year 2009/2010.

More information at:

<http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php->

[URL_ID=45335&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=45335&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) - PhD Thesis Research Awards

Each year AERC offers a limited number of awards with a maximum value of US\$15,000 towards PhD thesis research. To be eligible for consideration, the request must come from an African national intending to pursue a career in economic management, research and/or teaching at an institution in sub-Saharan Africa.

The deadline is November 1st, for the January award.

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http://www.aercafrica.org/programmes/training_cmap_PhDthesisawards.asp

IDRC Doctoral Research Awards

Since 1982, IDRC has assisted Canadian graduate students to undertake their thesis research in the field of international development. IDRC Doctoral Research Awards are intended to promote the growth of Canadian capacity in research on sustainable and equitable development from an international perspective. In principle, IDRC supports research on all parts of the developing regions of the world. At this time, the Centre Training and Awards Program is not supporting awards which involve research in Burma, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Eastern Europe or Central Asia.

Deadline: November 1, 2009 (awards will be announced in May 2010).

Contacts

IDRC Doctoral Research Awards
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Web: http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-23374-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarship Fund (PBS)

The aim of the WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarship Fund (PBS) is to provide financial support to individuals wishing to pursue short-term professional training or formal studies that will help them contribute more effectively to conservation efforts in their country. As a priority, PBS supports mid-career training for those working in the field of conservation and associated disciplines directly relevant to the delivery and promotion of conservation (i.e. media, law, education). Applications are encouraged from those seeking to build skills in specific subjects that will enhance their contribution to conservation. In particular women, and people working for non-governmental or community-based organizations, are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is 11 January 2010 to reach the candidate's nearest WWF Office.

Web:

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/pbs_info_application_form_english.doc

Contacts: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/pbs_wwf_contacts.pdf

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) Fellowships

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), is a division of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC and maintains research facilities for marine and terrestrial research at various locations on the Isthmus of Panama. STRI offers fellowships for undergraduate, predoctoral and postdoctoral research in the areas represented by its scientific staff. Disciplines include ecology, anthropology, paleontology, paleoecology, evolutionary biology, molecular phylogenetics, biogeography, animal behavior, neurobiology, soils sciences, and physiology of tropical plants and animals.

Short Term Fellowships: Support is provided to carry out short-term research projects in the tropics. Fellowship and Internship Program in Latin America: Support is provided for short-term projects and internships. Candidates must be from universities in Latin America, particularly Central America and Panama. A. Stanley Rand Fellowship Program: Support is provided for short-term research in the tropics focused on animal behavior, natural history, evolutionary biology, plant and animal ecology and environmental monitoring.

Next deadline is November 15 2009.

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http://www.stri.org/english/education_fellowships/fellowships/index.php

International Foundation for Science (IFS) - Green Water Research

The International Foundation for Science (IFS) is pleased to invite young scientists to submit research proposals that address: Good management, conservation and use of green water for increased food and biological production. Proposals must be submitted using an IFS application form which can be downloaded from the IFS website.

The deadline for submitting proposals is December 31, 2009.

Contact

The completed form should be sent to applications@ifs.se

For more information, please visit:

http://www.ifs.se/Programme/Announcements/Call_for_applications_GreenWater_2008.pdf

Daiwa Scholarships 2010

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 3 December 2009.

For more information please contact:

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation

Daiwa Foundation Japan House

13/14 Cornwall Terrace

London NW1 4QP

Tel: 020 7486 4348

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Email: scholarships@dajf.org.uk

Web: http://www.dajf.org.uk/page_e.asp?Section=Scholarships&ID=52

Institute of International Education - Scholar Rescue Fund 2010 Scholarships

IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) provides fellowship grants for scholars whose lives or careers are threatened in their home countries. The fellowships support temporary academic positions at universities, colleges and other higher learning institutions in safe locations anywhere in the world. Fellowship periods of up to one calendar year are intended to allow the scholars to continue their important work pending improvement in conditions allowing their safe return home. Fellowships may be renewed for a second and final year.

Applications will be considered by the SRF Selection Committee at least three (3) times per year. **The next deadline will be in January.** Non-emergency applications must be received at least 4 weeks before a committee meeting in order to be considered. Decisions will be announced approximately two (2) weeks after each Selection Committee meeting.

Contacts:

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Climate Funds Update - The latest information on climate funds

Climate Funds Update is an independent website that provides information on the growing number of international funding initiatives designed to help developing countries address the challenges of climate change. The funds will be tracked over the next, crucial year in the lead-up to the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting in Copenhagen.

This site aims to detail: Where these climate change funds are being developed; What the funds support; The scale of the proposed funding; How the funds are expected to be disbursed; and What had been achieved so far.

Contacts

Web: <http://www.climatefundsupdate.org>
Email: info@climatefundsupdate.org

6th International Workshop on Functional-Structural Plant Models – USA, September 12-17, 2010

The workshop FSPM10, the sixth in the series, will be held at UC Davis, Davis, CA, September 12-17, 2010. Paper submissions are invited in all aspects of functional-structural plant modeling. Extended abstracts of oral presentations (3 pages) and abstracts of posters (1

page) are solicited. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee, following submission. All accepted abstracts will be included in the workshop proceedings. Abstracts must be submitted electronically to the abstract submission website as PDF or Microsoft Word documents.

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Important dates and deadlines

Abstract submission: March 1, 2010

Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2010

Camera ready abstracts: June 15, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management - Botswana, September 6 – 8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010) will act as an interdisciplinary forum for decision-makers, academics, and professionals interested in the development and application of technology in ensuring the sustainable use and management of our water resources. This purpose is consistent with the goals of the United Nations Decade of Water for Life. The forum will cover both hard and soft technology and will serve to promote the use of appropriate technologies. Case studies are welcome.

Important dates and deadlines

Submission: March 15, 2010

Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2010

Final Manuscripts: June 1, 2010

Registration Deadline: June 15, 2010

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LifeWeb initiative

LifeWeb is a global initiative to support the creation and improve the management of protected areas. Officially launched in May 2008 during the [COP 9 meeting](#) of the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#), LifeWeb creates a global partnership for the [CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas \(PoWPA\)](#). Parties, indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders are invited to actively participate in the initiative. The functioning of LifeWeb is possible through the funding and support of the Federal Ministry of Environment Germany. “Life Web Initiative” was launched during COP-9, with the objective to support the increase of the number of protected areas as well as to enhance the management

effectiveness and secure adequate financing for designing and locating areas in the best places for biodiversity conservation.

The initiative will count on an online system which is currently under development and which aims to lend transparency to the process. “Eventually, Life Web may also facilitate support for Civil Society groups that work in protected area management. These requests would nevertheless have to be validated by countries’ PWPA focal point, to ensure that they fall within the approved framework of a country’s priority areas and needs”, commented Jason Spensley, Life Web’s Director.

Life Web has already received commitments from the German, Spanish, and Finish governments, and three additional governments, including the European Union, are ready to come on board. The financial allocations made by these parties are considered additional to what is being negotiated and set aside under the Overseas Development Assistance commitments.

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