



Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Building Initiative

This scheme is for scientists who want to develop collaborative research consortia between sub-Saharan Africa and a university or independent research institute in the UK.

The overall aim of the scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of universities and research institutions in sub-Saharan Africa by supporting the development of sustainable research networks.

The objectives are to:

- facilitate sustainable multidisciplinary partnerships between research groups in sub-Saharan Africa and the UK.
- strengthen research and training capacity in sub-Saharan African Institutions of Higher Education through the skill transfer between the partner organisations of the research consortia.
- produce a cadre of young, talented researchers through integrated PhD scholarships and shared supervision of post-graduate students between the UK-based and African consortia members.

The scheme is funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).

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Basic eligibility requirements

Applicants must be based in an eligible sub-Saharan African countries or the UK. In order to act as a principal investigator (PI), applicants must:

- have a PhD or have extensive research experience at an equivalent level
- have a proven track record of training students at Master's and Doctoral level
- have a proven track record of publishing in both national and international journals
- be based in the respective countries at the time of the application

The Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Building Initiative will accept applications in three research priority areas:

- Water and Sanitation
- Renewable energy
- Soil-related research

Under this scheme ten Programme Grants of up to £1,243,000 will be available across two rounds. These awards provide support for Research Consortia, consisting of three African groups and one UK-based laboratory over a five year period and cover costs for:

Expense	Budget per partner	Total budget
A PhD studentship for each of the African PI's	£60,000/studentship	£180,000
Research costs	Up to £20,000 per year for each research group	£400,000
Exchanges of researchers	Costs for travel and subsistence of up to £10,000 per year for each laboratory	£200,000
Equipment purchasing, repair and maintenance	Up to £10,000 per year for each African laboratory	£150,000
Additional training modules (workshops and seminars)	Up to £10,000 per year for each PI	£200,000
Co-ordination and management costs	10% of value of the grant	£113,000
Total budget		£1,243,000

The first round for these awards opens in Autumn 2013, the following round will open in late 2014.

For more details about the award, including information on how to apply, visit royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/africa-capacity-building



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