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The AIHA Twinning Center Grants & Funding Bulletin is intended to assist institutional and individual grant seekers who are involved in the delivery and development of healthcare services in the countries covered by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). PEPFAR has identified fifteen focus countries, primarily in Africa and the Caribbean, but also including Vietnam. While the Bulletin emphasizes funding opportunities for which PEPFAR countries are eligible, most of these opportunities are also relevant to other countries around the world. The Bulletin, which appears monthly, provides information on grant opportunities for researchers, students, public leaders, and medical and social organizations.

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Your input (including new sources of grant opportunities) will be greatly appreciated.

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African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) Main Grants Program

In Short:

This program funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organizations in Africa working towards women's empowerment.

Internet Address:

<http://www.awdf.org/awdf/?pid=2&cid=11>

Health Topic Areas:

Health, Reproductive Rights and HIV/AIDS

Eligible Applicants:

Organizations can be local, national, sub-regional or regional African women's organizations, from any part of Africa.

Local women's organizations should send in the names of two referees, one of whom should be a member of a women's organization that operates nationally.

Description:

The AWDF gives grants for projects related to any of the thematic areas specified above. We expect applicants to build in relevant and reasonable running/core costs into their project proposals.

We give grants to national and regional organizations for aspects of organizational growth and development such as strategic planning, developing fundraising strategies, communications systems, retreats, governance systems, etc.

We give grants for capital costs such as purchase of computers, printers, photocopiers.

Organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$25,000. Grants over \$20,000 are only made to organizations which operate on a regional basis.

Application Deadline:

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

Contact Information:

African Women's Development Fund
25 Yiyiwa St. Achimota Forest, Ablenkpe, Accra, Ghana
PMB CT89 Cantonments,
Accra, Ghana
Tel: (233) 21-780-477
Fax: (233) 21-782-502
E-mail: grants@awdf.org

Milagro Foundation Grants Program

In Short:

These grants support programs that work in the areas of healthy living for underprivileged children and youth.

Internet Address:

<http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp>

Health Topic Areas:

Children and youth disease prevention, among other objectives

Eligible Applicants:

The Milagro Foundation supports children and youth in the San Francisco Bay area, the United States and countries around the world. Milagro makes grants in the United States to grass roots federal tax-exempt 501(3) nonprofit organizations. Outside of the U.S. other rules may apply. Inquiries are invited. Milagro does not make grants to individuals. Nonprofit organizations that have not received a tax-exempt letter must work through a fiscal agent that has such exemption.

Description:

Milagro's typical grants are between \$2,500-\$5,000. Grants for larger amounts will also be reviewed, but in no event should the amount requested exceed \$10,000. The majority of Milagro's grants are for up to one year.

Application Deadline:

Rolling. Assuming all of the requested information is included in the Letter of Inquiry or through subsequent contact with the foundation, the review and decision process normally takes from 30-90 days after a complete application has been submitted.

Contact Information:

Milagro Foundation
P.O. Box 9125
San Rafael, CA 94912-9125
Tel: (415) 460-9939
E-mail: info@milagrofoundation.org

The Elsevier Foundation Grants

In Short:

Grants for excellence and innovation in research and information services within global scientific, technical and medical communities.

Internet Address:

<http://www.elsevierfoundation.org/>

Health Topic Areas:

Children's health and wellness, science and healthcare education, access to scientific and medical knowledge, scientific medical research and application in society

Eligible Applicants:

National and regional organizations around the world; the Elsevier Foundation does not consider grants to individuals, nor for basic research, sectarian religious activities or organizations that lack tax exemption.

Description:

The Elsevier Foundation supports a wide range of charitable organizations with tax-exempt status in their country of origin.

Grants are generally expected to range between US\$2,500 and US\$25,000. Grants are awarded for specific projects rather than operating support. Contributions of products, services and equipment may be used for specific projects or general operations. The Foundation encourages matching grants. Requests for additional funding of projects already supported will be considered on a limited basis.

Application Deadline:

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

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Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) Director's Initiative Fund Research Grant

In Short:

Grants for small-scale projects to fight tropical diseases.

Internet Address:

<http://www.who.int/tdr/grants/grants/dif.htm>

Health Topic Areas:

Preventing, diagnosing and treating selected tropical diseases: malaria, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, the trypanosomiasis (both African sleeping sickness and the American form, Chagas disease), leishmaniasis, leprosy, tuberculosis and dengue.

Eligible Applicants:

The Director's Initiative Fund provides support for the following categories of relatively small-scale research projects:

- Projects for which rapid funding is essential;
- Projects which may be preparatory to larger-scale project suitable for consideration by TDR Scientific Steering Committees and Task Forces;
- Projects on new lines of research which are relevant to disease control but which do not fall within the scope of current component workplans.

Description:

Grants under the Director's Initiative Fund are limited to a maximum of US\$15,000. Approved proposals are funded through a Technical Services Agreement between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Institution responsible for the project. Funding under the Director's Initiative Fund is awarded on a 'once only' basis and may not be renewed.

Application Deadline:

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Contact Information:

Office of the Director
Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)
World Health Organization
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E-mail: tdrgrant@who.int

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[**PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE AND TRAINING**]
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UNESCO Fellowships Program in Support of Priority Program Areas (2006-2007)

In Short:

This is a fellowship proposal for graduate and postgraduate candidates wishing to pursue training, undertake advanced research, upgrade skills or attend specialized or refresher courses, in areas including HIV/AIDS prevention and education and advancing the use of ICT for education, science and culture, abroad.

Internet Address:

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=17616&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Health Topic Areas:

HIV/AIDS prevention and education

Eligible Applicants:

Graduate and postgraduate candidates with a university degree, i.e. at least a B.A. or B.Sc. and not more than 45 years of age. Candidatures on behalf of women and those from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will receive priority attention.

Description:

The fellowships offered under this scheme are of short term duration (6 months maximum) and are intended for specialized training at the postgraduate level. Priority targets are promising and qualified specialists who seek to undertake advanced research or to upgrade their skills and knowledge of state-of-the-art developments in their field of study or work.

Application Deadline:

April 30, 2006

Contact Information:

Chief, Fellowships Section, UNESCO

7, place de Fontenoy

Paris 07 SP 75352

France

Tel: +33 (0) 1 45 68 13 13

Fax: +33 (0) 1 45 68 55 02/03

E-mail: fellowships@unesco.org

The 2006 Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship (SLDF) Program

In Short:

The fellowship is meant to provide important leadership skills that participants will require as professionals in the area of sexuality studies.

Internet Address:

<http://arsrc.org/training/sldf/apply.htm>

Health Topic Areas:

Sexual health

Eligible Applicants:

There are a few highly competitive, fully-funded scholarships that are open to qualified citizens of Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria or South Africa, who are resident in the continent. Interested citizens of other African countries are encouraged to apply, but will need to seek funding from other donors to cover their travel, accommodation and living expenses; as well as post-fellowship project.

The fellowship is open to junior to middle-level African professionals, aged 35 years and below, and resident on the African continent. The minimum qualification is a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent of a Higher National Diploma (HND). In addition, applicants must have demonstrable experience and (or) interest in the area of sexuality, sexual health and rights. Previous knowledge or experience in the ARSRC's thematic focus areas is an added advantage but is not a prerequisite for selection.

Description:

The scholarships cover tuition fees, post-fellowship grant, roundtrip travel expenses as well as accommodation, meals and incidental expenses.

Application Deadline:

March 31, 2006

Contact Information:

Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre

17 Lawal St., off Oweh St., Jibowu,
PO Box 803, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria
Fax: (234) 1-342-5470
E-mail: opportunities@arsrc.org

British Blood Transfusion Society (BBTS) Princess of Wales Memorial Travel Scholarship

In Short:

This scholarship is meant to provide funding for continuation of the training in the areas of blood transfusion in Great Britain.

Internet Address:

<http://www.bbts.org.uk/about/bursaries.cfm>

Health Topic Areas:

Blood Transfusion

Eligible Applicants:

Individuals working outside the UK who wish to further their training, education or professional development in transfusion medicine by visiting institutions in the UK and attending the BBTS Annual Scientific Meeting.

Description:

Members and non-members are eligible to apply and funding to a maximum of £2,000 will be awarded to pay for travel and accommodation expenses.

Application Deadline:

March 31, 2006

Contact Information:

British Blood Transfusion Society
Greenheys - Manchester Science Park - Pencroft Way
Manchester - M15 6JJ
Tel: 0161 232 7999
Fax: 0161 232 7979
E-mail: bbts@bbts.org.uk

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Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS (R01)

In Short:

This program announcement calls for research studies on the relationships among social environments, individual behaviors, and the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS in populations.

Internet Address:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-114.html>

Health Topic Areas:

Individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention

Eligible Applicants:

Foreign institutions. Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research are invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

Description:

This announcement invites research on the interrelationships among and pathways linking social, economic, cultural, and institutional environments; prevalence and patterning of individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention; and the prevalence, patterning, and spread of HIV infection in a population. This announcement seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the spread of HIV and its consequences in a variety of populations across the globe. This includes the search for, production of and testing of improved models to account for changes in both behavior and biology under different levels of disease prevalence.

Application Deadline:

September 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008

Contact Information:

Center for Scientific Review
National Institutes of Health
6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1040, MSC 7710
Bethesda, MD 20892-7710 (U.S. Postal Service Express or regular mail)
Bethesda, MD 20817 (for express/courier service; non-USPS service)

Brain Disorders in the Developing World: Research across the Lifespan

In Short:

Grants for institutions and individuals to conduct research in HIV and non-HIV related areas of brain disorders.

Internet Address:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-100.html>

Health Topic Areas:

Neurological/ neurodevelopmental (including sensory, motor, cognitive and behavioral) function and impairment throughout life.

Eligible Applicants:

Foreign institutions and individuals from developing and developed countries. At least two institutions, one in a developed country and one in a developing country institution should be involved in the grant application.

For the purposes of this Program Announcement (PA), “developed country” is defined as a country with a Gross National Income per capita (GNI per capita) of \$9,000 or more and a “developing country” is defined as a country that has a Gross National Income per capita (GNI per capita) below \$9,000, according to the World Bank classification system (refer to the GNI per capita ranking in the left-hand column labeled “Atlas Methodology” at <http://www.worldbank.org/data/databytopic/GNIPC.pdf> . Do NOT refer to the right-hand column headed “Purchasing Power Parity”).

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research under the guidelines of this PA is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Women, individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

Description:

The purpose of the Brain Disorders in the Developing World: Research Across the Lifespan PA is to support the development and conduct of innovative, collaborative research and research training projects, between developed and developing country scientists, on brain disorders throughout life, relevant to low- and middle-income nations. The collaborative research programs are expected to 1) involve research on neurological/neurodevelopmental (including sensory, motor, cognitive and behavioral) function and impairment throughout life and 2) contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in developing countries to initiate and conduct such research.

Application Deadline:

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): Applications not related to HIV/AIDS: April 16, 2006, 2007. Applications related to HIV/AIDS only: July 23, 2005, 2006, 2007.
Application Receipt Dates(s): Applications not related to HIV/AIDS: May 16, 2006, 2007. Applications related to HIV/AIDS only: August 23, 2005, 2006, 2007.

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AIDS International Training and Research Program

In Short:

Grants for institutions to collaborate in AIDS training and research.

Internet Address:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-140.html>

Health Topic Areas:

HIV/AIDS Training and Research

Eligible Applicants:

Domestic (US) institutions that can demonstrate active research collaborations with institutions in the low- and middle-income countries, or any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research.

Description:

The purpose of this announcement is to invite applications from eligible institutions for innovative, collaborative training programs that would contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in HIV/AIDS and HIV-related conditions at institutions with which they have ongoing research collaborations, in low- and middle-income countries. These research-training programs will strengthen scientific knowledge and skills to enhance prevention of, and treatment and care for, HIV/AIDS and HIV-related conditions in these countries.

Application Deadline:

Letter of Intent Receipt Date: November 21, 2006; November 21, 2007.

Application Receipt Date: December 21, 2006; December 21, 2007.

Contact Information:

The PHS 398 application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> in an interactive format.

Applicants must use the currently approved version of the PHS 398. For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone: (301) 435-0714, E-mail: GrantsInfo@nih.gov.

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Lady Tata Memorial Trust International Awards for Research in Leukemia

In Short:

The award presents personal support for the leukemia researchers for the academic year beginning in October 2006.

Internet Address:

<http://www.icr.ac.uk/haemcyto/tata/>

Health Topic Areas:

Studies of the leukemogenic agents, the epidemiology, pathogenesis, immunology and genetic basis of leukemia

Eligible Applicants:

Awards are open to suitably qualified investigators of any nationality. Priority will be given to those intending to move to other centers with a view to establishing scientific collaboration between laboratories. In addition, one grant of a studentship for a student entering an M Phil/PhD program is available.

Description:

Awards are usually tenable for one year in the first instance. Awards for two years may be given if this is considered by the Trust to be in the best interests of a particular project. An M Phil/PhD studentship will normally be granted for two years. Renewal for a third year on the strength of eighteen-month progress reports will only be considered for studentships. Awards in recent years have been between £15,000 and £25,000 per annum.

Application Deadline:

March 1, 2006

Contact Information:

Professor D Catovsky, c/o Mr J D Contractor,
Tata Limited

18 Grosvenor Place
London SW1X 7HS

Men's Heterosexual Behavior and HIV Infection

In Short:

Grants for individuals and organizations to conduct HIV-related research.

Internet Address:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-033.html>

Health Topic Areas:

Social and behavioral science studies on the determinants of the sexual behavior of adult heterosexual men

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible organizations include foreign institutions/organizations.
Eligible principal investigators are any individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research.

Description:

Researchers are asked to focus on social and cultural determinants of heterosexual men's sexual behavior. Studies that have a strong emphasis on the variations in norms, expectations, and scripts driving heterosexual men's behavior in sexual relationships are particularly encouraged. The PA also invites research exploring how gender is interwoven with biology and psychological and social structural factors (including the economic, institutional, and policy contexts) in influencing heterosexual men's behavior.

Application Deadline:

January 2, May 1, and September 1 of each year

Contact Information:

Center for Scientific Review
National Institutes of Health
6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1040, MSC 7710
Bethesda, MD 20892-7710 (U.S. Postal Service Express or regular mail)
Bethesda, MD 20817 (for express/courier service; non-USPS service)
Tel: (301) 435-0714
E-mail: GrantsInfo@nih.gov

Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS

In Short:

Grants for institutions to collaborate in HIV/AIDS training and research.

Internet Address:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-146.html>

Health Topic Areas:

HIV/AIDS and alcohol use

Eligible Applicants:

U.S. domestic and foreign institutions. Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

Description:

This Program Announcement (PA) requests research on the effectiveness of structural interventions that reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, there has been little research that extends such efforts into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction. Applicants are especially encouraged to examine the ramifications for HIV/AIDS risk of “naturally occurring” or already-announced changes in alcohol-related laws, regulations, programs or policies.

Application Deadline:

May 1, 2006; September 1, 2006

Contact Information:

Center for Scientific Review
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