

Funding News – December 2008

Announcing Terra Viva Grants

What: Terra Viva Grants is a new website that will help you identify where to look for grants in the “green sectors” of international development. Currently, the website has profiles of about 300 grant makers worldwide in agriculture, energy, environment and natural resources. The grant makers' profiles can be browsed in lists or searched in a database to speed up filtering and comparison. Grants are for technical assistance (development projects), education and capacity building, research, prizes and awards.

Who: Access to the website is worldwide and free. Users search for grants made by foundations, NGOs, companies, government organizations and international organizations. Eligibility criteria are stated in each grant maker profile.

When: Terra Viva Grants began in early 2008, with plans to expand coverage and continuously add to content in each succeeding year.

Where: <http://terravivagrants.org>

Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STS) Fellowship Program 2009 – 2010

What: The IAS-STS in Graz, Austria, promotes the interdisciplinary investigation of the links and interactions between science, technology and society as well as technology assessment and research into the development and implementation of socially and environmentally sound technologies. The IAS-STS offers its international fellows the opportunity to work on projects focusing on the relationship between technology and society.

The IAS-STS invites researchers to apply for a stay between 1 October 2009 and 30 June 2010 as a Research Fellow (up to nine months) or as a Visiting Scholar (shorter period, e.g. a month). To see the major areas of research, [click here](#).

Who: Researchers interested in the areas of research outlined by IAS-STS.

When: 31 December 2008.

Where: www.sts.tugraz.at

The “Frosty” Hill Agricultural Research Fellowship - Cornell University

- What:** Cornell University dedicates the "Frosty" Hill Agricultural Research Fellowship to the memory of Dr. Forrest F. Hill, co-founder of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), in honor of his significant contributions to the application of agricultural sciences in addressing critical world food problems. The Fellowship provides financial support for selected senior scientists from international centers supported by or affiliated with the CGIAR to spend from 9 to 12 months with scientists at Cornell University. More importantly, this Fellowship creates opportunities for scientists from the major international centers to work together with scientists from Cornell on significant agricultural problems of mutual priority and concern.
- Who:** Any senior scientist from a recognized CGIAR supported or affiliated international center
- When:** For program planning purposes, applicants are advised to applications by 31 January. However, applications are accepted throughout the year.
- Where:** <http://ip.cals.cornell.edu/programs/researchexchanges/frostyhill.cfm>

The Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP)

- What:** The Borlaug LEAP 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. LEAP is part of the overall [Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program](#) sponsored by the [USDA](#). The LEAP program will support engaging a mentor at a [Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research \(CGIAR\)](#) system center to support and enhance thesis research and mentoring experience.
- Who:** Citizens of a [USAID-assisted country](#) who are currently enrolled as an MS or PhD student at a U.S. or developing country university.
- When:** Applications are welcome throughout the year. However, reviews are conducted twice a year and the administrative deadline for the next review is 11 March 2009.
- Where:** <http://leap.ucdavis.edu/>

Sustainability in Science Fellowship – Harvard University (2009 – 2010)

- What:** 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 2009. This year, preference will be given to applicants who address the challenges related to meeting human needs for water or food/agriculture/land use in the context of sustainable development.
- Who:** Advanced doctoral and post-doctoral students, and mid-career professionals engaged in research or practice that advances the goals of the program. Applications for the *mid-career* fellowships are invited from individuals in governmental, non-governmental, private organizations or academia with at least five years professional experience doing work involved in linking science and practice for sustainable development. Applications for the *post-doctoral fellowships* are welcome from recent recipients of the Ph.D. or equivalent degree. (Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. between 2005 and May 2009.) Applicants for a *doctoral fellowship* must currently be enrolled in a doctoral program and have passed their qualifying exams (completed coursework and passed oral and/or written exams) by May 2009. Applications are solicited from individuals working in the natural and social sciences as well as relevant professions. 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.
- When:** 15 January 2009.
- Where:** http://www.cid.harvard.edu/sustsci/grants/fellows/09_fellows_RFP.htm

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (2009 – 2010)

- What:** The Fellowships help to establish and nurture critical links between federal decision-makers and scientific professionals to support public policy. AAAS offers fellowships to candidates from a broad array of backgrounds and a diversity of geographic, disciplinary, gender and ethnic perspectives. Fellows come from a range of sectors, including academia, industry, and non-profits, representing a spectrum of career stages, from recent PhD graduates to faculty on sabbatical, to retired scientists and engineers. One of the fellowship areas is *Energy, Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources* where fellows engage in projects, programs, policies and outreach initiatives to protect environmental and human health, tackle energy challenges and opportunities to safeguard air, water, land and natural resources.

- Who:** US citizens (dual citizenship from the United States and another country is acceptable). Applicants should hold doctoral degrees in physical, biological, health, medical or social science, any field of engineering or any relevant interdisciplinary field (individuals with a master's degree in engineering and at least three years of post-degree professional experience also may apply).
- When:** 15 December 2008.
- Where:** <http://fellowships.aaas.org/index.shtml>

Knight Science Journalism Fellowships - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- What:** The Knight Science journalism Fellowship is offered at the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The nine-month program is divided between individually-chosen activities and twice-weekly Knight [seminars](#) arranged by the director. A Fellow's work usually includes courses audited at MIT and Harvard, attendance at departmental colloquia, [field trips](#), lab visits, interviews, reading and writing. Each Fellow designs his or her own course of study in discussion with the director.
- Who:** Self-motivated journalists with five years of professional experience who hope to improve their coverage of science, technology, medicine or the environment.
- When:** 2 March 2009.
- Where:** <http://web.mit.edu/knight-science/fellowships/overview.html>

World Bank – Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Education Grants (2009 – 2010)

- What:** The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF) education grants are geared towards supporting the education of women from developing countries who are committed to improving the lives of women and children in a developing country. For students from developing countries who are currently studying in the United States or Canada. The MMMF awards annually grants of approximately \$12,000 each
- Who:** Students from developing countries. For more on eligibility criteria, [click here](#).
- When:** 29 February 2009.

Where: <http://go.worldbank.org/0VZGOY91J0>

Food and Nutrition Security Training Program

What: This training program focuses on knowledge and insights on the interrelationship between development, food and nutrition security and how to design projects for vulnerable groups to address problems in food and nutrition security from a multi-sectoral perspective. It aims to provide participants with knowledge, skills and motivation to identify, plan and implement effective action on food and nutrition security at various levels, ranging from (national) policy level to regional, community, household and individual level programs. The program is a combination of various courses, which can also be taken as stand alone certificate courses. Taking the complete program of 11 weeks leads to a diploma at post graduate level. Course content is as follows:

- Distance Learning Program: Key Concepts in Food and Nutrition
- Key Concepts and Current Issues in Nutrition
- Nutrition Communication and Promotion; a New Approach to Nutrition Education
- Food and Nutrition Security in the Context of HIV/AIDS: a rights based approach
- Monitoring and Evaluation to improve impact on Food and Nutrition Security

Who: Mid-career professionals, such as project coordinators, senior staff, managers, trainers, program leaders and other professionals. Participants are mostly employed by research institutes, public/private seed companies, universities and NGOs. Applicants should have at least a BSc or the equivalent in training and experience. They should be proficient in English and have at least three years of professional experience in a relevant field.

When: 30 March 2009 - 12 June 2009.

Where: <http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/Courses/Overview+Courses+2009/>

Sauvé Scholars Program – McGill University

What: The Sauvé Scholars Program is an initiative by the Jeanne Sauvé Foundation, an organisation dedicated to the development of exceptional leadership talent among today's youth. The program is

designed to nurture the skills of young leaders who want to change the world. Scholars get to be at McGill for an academic year with unlimited access to all university resources. They also get guidance from academic advisors and mentors and are able to participate in an enriching program of lectures, conferences and events tailored to their interests and goals.

Who: Applicants should be under 30 on December 31 2008, with an undergraduate degree and a record of accomplishment and ability to meet challenges. The applicants must also have demonstrated leadership skills and proven communications skills. For details on eligibility, [click here](#).

When: 31 December 2008.

Where: <http://www.sauvescholars.org/en/>

Travel Grants

AGRO Student Travel Grants (2009)

What: The AGRO Division has established an endowment fund that will be used to promote an understanding of the role of chemistry in agriculture as embraced in areas related to pest management and/or agricultural chemistry. Potential topics include synthesis, metabolism, regulatory, biotechnology, delivery, risk assessment, resistance, residues, mode of action, and fate/behavior. To address this mission, awards will be made through the Division's Education Committee. University students will be awarded up to \$600 each to help defray costs of attendance to give poster at the ACS 2009 Fall Meeting, which will be held August 16 – 29, 2009.

Who: Graduate and undergraduate students

When: 19 March 2009

Where: <http://www.agrodiv.org/awards/45-awards/63-student-travel-grants.html>

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study & Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) Travel Grants

What: SEARCA Travel Grants provide financial support of upto a maximum of US\$1,200 per awardee for travel to present papers at local or international scientific conferences or fora.

- Who:** Southeast Asian national who is a staff member of a development-oriented institution or a graduate student of a reputable university in Southeast Asia.
- When:** Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in 2nd week of March, June, September and December.
- Where:** <http://www.searca.org/web/research/travelgrants/>

The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) - Travel Grants for Young Scientists

- What:** BSF is announcing the availability of funds for short scientific trips by young American or Israeli scientists to the other country. In 2009, 10 grants of \$4,000 each will be awarded. The program is focused on students and post-doc fellows doing research that requires facilities or expertise that is not available in their home country. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of merit. The grant will be awarded through the institute which submits the application.
- Who:** Young American or Israeli researchers carrying out research in an accredited higher education or scientific institution (including hospitals). The Applicant's research should be in one of the scientific fields supported by the BSF (full list is on the BSF website).
- When:** 19 December 2008.
- Where:** www.bsf.org.il

AW Howard Memorial Trust Inc - Travel Grants 2009/2010

- What:** The AW Howard Memorial Trust Inc annually awards travel grants of up to \$3,500 to scientists to undertake overseas study tours or participate in international conferences related to aspects of pasture research within the aims of the Trust. The Trust was established by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science in 1964 to commemorate the unique contribution by the late Amos Howard in the use of subterranean clover as a pasture plant in Australia. The aims of the Trust are to "encourage and promote research and investigation in the fields of natural science and social science, including economics which relate to the development, management and use of pastures".
- Who:** Candidates must be staff members of a recognized research organization and have been resident in Australia over the past three years. The Awards

represent a career development opportunity. Preference will be given to scientists who have had little opportunity to travel overseas.

When: Applications open in January 2009 and close on 26 March 2009.

Where: <http://www.sardi.sa.gov.au/dhtml/ss/section.php?sectID=310&templD=>

Resources

Global Development Network Toolkit

This toolkit provides tips and practical suggestions for applying for funding and proposal writing. It is based on interviews with experienced research fundraisers. Obtaining funding for your research is a difficult achievement, so we hope this guide will help give your proposal the best possible chance of success. It is available at:

<http://www.gdnet.org/middle.php?oid=363%>

G&D guidelines on **how to write a winning proposal at:**

<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Newsletter/Tipsforgoodproposal.doc>

G&D tips for **Publishing and Presentations at:**

http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/Cast_the_net/PUBLISHINGTIPS.pdf

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<http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/conference.asp>

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