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2021 Call for Applications

AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa

Language of Application: All applications **MUST** be submitted in English.

I. Background

We are pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the “AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa”. This grant is funded by the BAYER Foundation and with the support of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH). The Grant is for Junior Researchers (PhD students) and aims to strengthen the scientific capacity of young scholars in Africa.

II. Programmes

The AGNES-BAYER Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa enables doctoral students from sub-Saharan African countries to undertake outstanding research activities in the field of Biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture. The proposed activities must be part of the doctoral research, including but not limited to field experiment and data collection or laboratory studies. Eligible junior researchers need to demonstrate the relevance of their work to further development of their home countries in sub-Saharan Africa. **The Grant aims to support African PhD students for field work activities. A maximum Grant of EUR 7000 will be awarded to each successful applicant.**

III. Eligibility and Application Process

Direct applications from junior researchers having published at least 1 scientific paper (**in a non-predatory journal**) will be considered for the grant. The applicant should be from Biodiversity conservation and/or Sustainable Agriculture discipline. He/she must be officially registered for Doctoral degree at a university/tertiary institute in sub-Saharan Africa, must be a national of a sub-Saharan African country, and must have published at least one paper (**in a non-predatory journal**). Applicants must demonstrate clearly that their work is relevant to development in sub-Saharan

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African countries.

IV. Required Documents (Maximum size= 8Mb)

Complete applications must include the following:

- a) A **short research/project proposal** (not more than 5 pages) from the junior scientist (applicant) with a short outline of the proposed field work activities and a work schedule for achieving the objectives of the research project.
- b) A standard **CV of the applicant** (use the template attached) and **official proof of registration for the postgraduate degree** (only current Doctoral students are eligible).
- c) A **copy of the official Academic transcripts of the applicant**, reflecting the grades obtained in the undergraduate and any postgraduate study. **Please supply the official explanation of the grading system.**
- d) A **list of published articles in non-predatory journals** (include an e-copy or screenshot of at least the Title/Author page).
- e) A **detailed budget** of the planned activities.

Please use this email format for sending applications:

From	Candidate's email address
To:	info@agnes-h.org
Cc:	zgetenga@gmail.com and zachary.getenga@mksu.ac.ke
Subject:	"AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa"
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All the required documents listed in IV above, preferably in PDF format.2. All supporting documents must be labelled with your surname.3. All files (TOTAL) size should not be more than 8MB.
Message:	Please find attached my application for the "2021_AGNES-BAYER Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa". Thank you. Candidate's name and address

V. Deadline for application

All applications MUST reach the AGNES desk by **June 30th, 2021** at 00.00 GMT. All applications that do not follow indicated guidelines or with a missing required document will automatically be rejected. Late applications will not be accepted.

VI. Amount and Use of the Grant

The maximum budget of the grant is EUR 7000. This once-off Grant cannot be used to refund previous field work activities. The recipient of the Grant and her/his supervisor must both send a signed letter of acceptance and contractual agreement to the Governing Board of AGNES within seven days of receipt of the offer. On completion of the PhD, Grantees and supervisors are both expected to make reports to AGNES on the progress and success of the work (scientific publications).

VII. Selection Meeting

Selection meeting will be held in **July 2021** and **only selected candidates will be notified**. **Commencement of research activities will be earliest** on the 15th of **August 2021** and latest the 30th of **October 2021**.

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