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'No research without action, no action without research'

-Kurt Lewin

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# **Research Brief**

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## **CALLS FOR PROPOSAL**

#### joint ventures that impact national and global econamic development. 1. Grand Challenges Africa Innovation Phase 1 Seed Grants | Round 12 Request for Proposals on Food Security and Nutrition

The Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA), created through a partnership between the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) in partnership with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) welcome proposals to address a new Grand Challenge: Promoting and facilitating innovative solutions to achieve Food Security and Nutrition in Africa. These grand challenge innovation grants will be issued and administered under Grand Challenges Africa (GC Africa), a programme implemented in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. GC Africa will fund African Investigators through this GC Africa Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) call. The Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) awards will fund projects up to USD \$100,000 for a maximum of 2 years. These awards are seed grants (phase I) meant to provide an opportunity to test particularly bold, proof of concept ideas, including applying approaches from outside the fields indicated for this call. New approaches could be piloted as additions to ongoing projects. Winners of the GC Africa-FSN grants will have an opportunity to apply for follow-on, transition to scale funding in future but please note that support for phase II funding is NOT part of this call. Check for details: https://www.aasciences.africa/calls/grandchallenges-africa-innovation-phase-1-seed-grants-round-12-request-proposals-food

Call submission deadline: December 4, 2020 at 23:59hrs East African Time

# **2.** Stroke and Neurosonology Fellowship at National University of Singapore

The Faculty from Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, invites neurologists and radiologists for a short-term hands-on fellowship in the areas of stroke and neurosonology (4-12 weeks) at Trialect. Techniques you will learn hands-on during your program here: Technical skills in performing cervical duplex sonography, Interpretation of cervical duplex findings, especially grading of carotid stenosis, Performance of transcranial Doppler (TCD), Advanced applications of TCD- like right-to-left shunt detection, vasomotor reactivity, emboli monitoring, assessment of subclavian steal syndrome, sonothrombolysis, assessment of brain death, assessment and monitoring of vasospasm in subarachnoid hemorrhage. Check for details: <a href="https://trialect.com/stroke-and-neurosonology-fellowship/program-details">https://trialect.com/stroke-and-neurosonology-fellowship/program-details</a>

Call submission deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

## 3. Olusegun Obasanjo prize for Scientific discovery and/or Technological innovation 2020

The Olusegun Obasanjo Prize for Scientific Discovery and/or Technological Innovation is intended to reward and honor African scientists who have made outstanding contributions in scientific discovery or technological innovation. The Prize has been named in honor of the former President of Nigeria, H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo in recognition of his exemplary statesmanship and leadership at the national, regional and international levels and his contributions to political well-being, socio-economic development and the positive role he has played in nurturing the spirit of scientific discovery and technological innovation in the African continent. **The Prize** seeks to promote and foster the growth of a vibrant African scientific community and to stimulate and nurture the spirit of scientific discovery and technological innovation that would serve socio-economic development in Africa. The Chief Obasanjo Prize will be awarded in fields of: Biotechnology, Energy, Information and communication technologies, and Material sciences. The Prize has four components: -A Cash award of US\$5,000 (this may be reviewed and adjusted by the Governing Council (GC) of AAS)

- -An Inscribed Gold Medal;
- -A Citation in form of a certificate and
- -Election into AAS Fellowship

Check for details. <u>https://www.aasciences.africa/calls/olusegun-obasanjo-prize-scientific-discovery-andor-technological-innovation-2020</u>

Deadline for application: Friday, December 22, 2020.

## 4. Cancer Grand Challenge- A global Grant Program on Trialect.

Cancer Grand Challenge Program (co-funded by Cancer Research UK and National Cancer Insitute, USA) wish to announce call for proposals for the global cancer research grant on Trialect. The program is soliciting pre-proposals from the investigators interested in cancer research from around the world. Shortlisted teams receive seed funding of £30,000 (c.\$40,000) to get their ideas off the ground and make their full proposal. Winning teams will be announced in early 2022 and will receive up to £20m (c.\$25m) over 5 years. This will fund research costs, salaries, and equipment or licensing costs to support your team. Check for details: <u>https://trialect.com/cancer-research-86/grant-details</u>

## Call submission deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021

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