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Why seek Grant Support for your Research?

- Each research grant won is an invaluable vote of confidence in the worth or credibility of your research work
- A research grant provides the researcher an opportunity to broaden his research scope and to enhance scholarship
- The grant money may help pay for paper publication fees, traveling to conferences, and academic

workshops,



Why seek Grant Support for your Research?

- Grants help the researcher to create a scholarly network which in turn, increases his or her visibility as a scholar
- Grants provide the platform for research collaboration with other scholars or students which can consequently lead to new areas of inquiry
- Grant writing improves the quality of faculty research because it requires careful thoughts about the value and contribution of your research



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- Grant writing compels a careful development of research questions/problem and methods
- It establishes the researcher scholarly bona fide by subject the work to peer review and recognition
- It provides a researcher the opportunity to travel around the world to discuss a research problem
- Equally important is the fact that grant income helps to promote the prestige of researcher's institution



Some Research Funders/Donors for the Social Sciences & Humanities

- There exist a long list of potential fund donors for research endeavours in the Social Sciences & Humanities around the world
- The budget for such research grants remains huge
- Donors will continue to fund research works for a number of good reasons
 - Support the research engagements of scholars around the world
 - Promote the creation of knowledge in Donor's area of interest
 - Use research findings to solve development problems of society
 - Expend their budgets on research for the current activity period
 - And so on.

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S/N	Donor/Funder Name	Type	Scope	Closing Date	Eligibility	Duration	Maximum Grant Available	Web Address
1.	African Union Research Grants	Group/ Collaborative	Food, nutrition security and sustainable agriculture	May 22, 2018	Nationals of African Union Member States, EU Member States	24 months – 36 months	US \$1 million	http://www.opportunitydesk.org/2018/03/02/african-union-research-grant/
2.	Social Science Research Council (SSRC)	APN Individual Research Grants	Peace building (very broad issues)	January 5, 2019	Africans	June 2019 – Dec 2019	US \$15,000	https://www.ssrc.org/fellows/view/apn-research-grants/
3.	West African Research Association	Travel Grant	West African researchers	October 18, 2018	West Africans carrying out research on the African continent	Dec 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	Travel costs up to \$1,500 and a stipend of \$1,500	http://www.bu.edu/wara/fellowship/fund_travel/

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4.	Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)	Research Grants / Study Grants/ Collaborative research grant	Small grants for Thesis writing in African institutions	Current Call for Comparative Research Networks	African researchers based in African universities and centres of research	18 months	US \$35,000	https://www.advance-africa.com/CODESRIA-Research-Grants.html
5.	Wellcome Trust Grant Funding	Research Grants, personal awards for investigators, fellowships and Ph.D. studentships	Population, environment, and health	Ongoing	All researchers	Flexible	US \$3 million	https://blog.mendeleym.com/2018/03/13/wellcome-trust-grant-funding-applying-for-investigator-awards/



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6.	The International Development <i>Research</i> Centre (IDRC)	Research Grants /funding and awards to find solutions for global development challenges	IDRC funds projects that aim to bring employment, food security, health, peace, and prosperity to developing regions of the world.	No open calls at the moment (most recent call for concept note - Boosting decent employment for Africa's youth)	All researchers and institutions	Flexible/ 24 months	CA \$500,000	https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding

Please check the link below for information on more donors:

https://www.advance-africa.com/Research_Grants.html



Tips for attracting Research Grants

- Prepare your research proposal well in advance of a call
- Collaborate with others
- Submit only research proposals that address original problem within the donor's scope of interest
- Research proposal may domesticate existing research findings in the form of new research questions
- Justify the methodological approach of choice
- Demonstrate that the researcher(s) have the capacity and requisite experience to analyse the identified research problem
- Prepare a budget that is defensible.



Appreciation

- Thank you

