

RIE NEWS, FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES NO. 11 (2020)

Dear University Community,

Hope everyone is staying safe. We can use this opportunity working from home to apply for grants, as well as prepare papers for submission and presentation at various conferences.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BLOG

RIE has created a Research and Innovation Blog at <https://uonresearch.org/blog/>. **We are calling for insightful articles with a current focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic.** This could also include recasting the key ideas in academic articles on COVID19 that are fast coming and presenting them at the level of the general reader. COVID19 pandemic is not just a health problem. Its impacts will be felt in all aspects of our lives including the economy, food security, education, etc. Articles can be sent to madaragot@uonbi.ac.ke copied to dvcrie@uonbi.ac.ke. All images can be embedded in the document, but should also be sent as separate attachments - **NOTE THAT BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FROM UON FACULTY ONLY.**

Blogs added this week:

1. [Is Kenya's COVID Epidemic Entering a New Phase.](#)
2. [Food Distribution: The Biggest Food Security Challenge Posed by COVID 19.](#)
3. [Sharing and Developing Ideas, Research and Innovation During Emergencies.](#)
4. [Eating Healthy to Boost Our Immunity and Protect Our Bodies from Disease-Causing Infections Including COVID-19.](#)
5. [Compulsory licensing and access to COVID-19 medicines and vaccines in Kenya.](#)

RESEARCH WEEK 2020

Preparations are in full swing for the 3rd Annual Research Week 2020, featuring 11 conferences covering nearly all disciplines in the University. Visit, <https://uonresearch.org/researchweek2020> for more details. Follow us on twitter @RPEUoN for regular updates. Use conference publications as a springboard to preparing your journal publications, incorporating insightful feedback from your fellow conference participants. For post-graduate students, making presentations and observing others do the same prepares you for the defences you will have to go through as you prepare to complete your Masters and PhD degrees.

Also if looking for an academic conference in Kenya to attend and present your work in and to network with your colleagues? A comprehensive updated list can be found at <https://academia-ke.org/events/>.

ELECTRONIC-AIE PORTAL FOR RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY GRANTS

The University Executive Board agreed to a shift to a new electronic AIE portal for research and consultancy grants, <http://uonresearch.org/aie/>. If you are a PI you will require an account to use the portal. Please send an account request to madaraogot@uonbi.ac.ke cc: dverie@uonbi.ac.ke. The portal will enable us to continue working during this period of lockdown, and greatly speed up the approval process. The number of steps for an advance for example, have been reduced from 12-13 down to 5. Join the growing number of PIs who are already transacting.

FUNDING

The following new funding opportunities have been added to the Grants and Opportunities Portal. Please contact our office if you need any assistance in preparation of your proposals. Also note that some of the opportunities have very tight deadlines.

Opportunities are available for:

1. Research and Innovation Grants
2. Research Infrastructure Grants
3. Awards and Prizes
4. Fellowships and Scholarships
5. Consultancies
6. Student and Staff Mobility
7. Sponsored Training
8. Travel Grants

1. Research and Innovation Grants

Research/Innovation Grants - [Large Research Grants on Education](#)
Company: Spencer Foundation

Research/Innovation Grants - [Improving Access to and Use of Safe and Appropriate Cesarean Section](#)
Company: Bill and Melinda Gates

Research/Innovation Grants - [Innovations in Materials Science for a Transformative Menstrual Health and Hygiene Product](#)
Company: Bill and Melinda Gates

Research/Innovation Grants - [Innovations for Improving the Impact of Health Campaigns](#)
Company: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Research/Innovation Grants - [Future Leaders – African Independent Research \(FLAIR\) Fellowships](#)
Company: Royal Society

Research/Innovation Grants - [UNESCO International Fund for Cultural Diversity](#)

Company: UNESCO

Research/Innovation Grants - [MSIF Du Pré Grants](#)

Company: Multiple Sclerosis International Federation

Research/Innovation Grants - [Research to Support COVID-19 Response in Humanitarian Settings](#)

Company: Elrha

2. Research Infrastructure

None added in the past week, but review those available on the portal.

3. Awards and Prizes

Awards/Prizes - [Skills Challenge Innovation Call: Finding solutions to skills mismatch](#)

Company: International Labour Organisation

4. Fellowships and Scholarships

Fellowships/Scholarships - [Centre for the Study of African Economies Visiting Fellowships](#)

Company: Oxford University

Fellowships/Scholarships - [Schwarzman Scholarship Programme for Masters in Global Affairs](#)

Company: Tsinghua University

5. Consultancies

Consultancies - [Provision Of Consultancy for Training to Reinforce Culture Change at Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority](#)

Company: Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority

6. Student and Staff Mobility

None added in the past week, but review those available on the portal.

7. Sponsored Training

None added in the past week, but review those available on the portal.

8. Travel Grants

None added in the past week, but review those available on the portal.

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