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# Sources of Funding for Postgraduate Students

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# Sources of Funding

- Self
- University – departmental, institutional, etc
- Individuals / Private funders
- Corporate Donors (Pfizer, MTN, Coca-Cola, AXA, etc.)
- Families & Foundations (Gates, Hewlett, Wellcome, etc)
- Government Agencies (MOH, USAID, NIH, DFID, etc)
- Multi-national Agencies (EU, WHO, Global Fund, etc.)
- Other NGOs, Clubs, Etc



# Sources of Funding Opportunities

- Funding Databases
- Search Engines
- Funder websites
- Colleagues, Supervisors and Mentors
- Components of Bigger Grants
- Past grantees
- Collaborators
- Newsletters and newspapers
- Personal network



# Application Modes

- Unsolicited Applications
- Response to Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)
  - Request for Proposals/Call for Proposals
  - Request for Applications/Calls for Applications



# Available Funding

- Scholarship
- Writing Thesis and Dissertation
- Fellowship
- Travel Grants
- Conferences
- Post-doc training



# Examples of Scholarships

- Government of Ghana
- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Commonwealth Scholarships
- World Bank
- DAAD
- University Scholarships



# Examples of Databases

- <http://www.findaphd.com/funding/>
- [scholarships-international.org/](http://scholarships-international.org/)
- [www.grants.at/home/EN](http://www.grants.at/home/EN)
- <http://www.advance-africa.com>
- <http://www.helpforafricanstudents.org/scholarships-for-african-students/index.php>
- [http://www.idsociety.org/Research\\_Funding\\_Opportunities\\_for\\_Students/](http://www.idsociety.org/Research_Funding_Opportunities_for_Students/)
- <http://newtonslis.crdfglobal.org/>



# Examples of Specific Opportunities - 1

- African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship (ADDRF)
  - about 20 fellowships in 2014 to doctoral students who are within two years of completing their thesis especially in health at an African university. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
  - <http://aphrc.org/blogs/african-doctoral-dissertation-research-fellowships-2014-call/>
- DAAD
  - Scholarships and Grants for International Students and Scholars (Academic Exchange Programme)
- Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant
  - short-term academic placements for students enrolled in a Master's or PhD program at African universities. The program offers grants of up to CAD\$10,000 each to fifteen students per year to conduct research for up to three months at Canadian universities.
  - <http://www.africaportal.org/content/students-enrolled-university-africa>





# Examples of Specific Opportunities - 2

- AAU Small Grants for Dissertations and Theses Programme
  - facilitate the early completion of research Dissertations and Theses by graduate students in African universities; to improve the quality of research conducted by graduate students in African universities.
- IDRC
  - Covers the costs for doctoral field research, full study master's and PhDs, post-doctoral research, internships and visiting fellowships, training workshops, support for mentorship, funding to support the timely review and examination of dissertations.
- CODESRIA 2013 Small Grants Programme for Thesis Writing
  - open to graduate students and professionals currently registered in African universities, and preparing their thesis and dissertation in all social science fields and other disciplines involving social or economic analysis. Preference is given to those registered for doctoral studies (PhD or equivalent), though few grants are available for Masters thesis.



# Examples of Specific Opportunities - 3

- NIH
  - Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars and Fellows Program (one-year mentored clinical research training experience for doctoral students in the health sciences, including medical, dental and public health students)
  - National Institutes of Health Training Programs in the Biomedical Sciences
- Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
  - Travel Grants for PhD Students and Post-doctoral Researchers
  - Researcher Mobility
  - Research Fund
  - Public Activities
- Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA ) for PhDs
  - Epidemiology, Psychology, Biostatistics, Anthropology, Health Economics, Health Promotion; Demography, Sociology, Health Systems, Health Policy, Development Studies, and their interfaces with the biomedical sciences
  - Scholarship can be taken at: African universities



# Some Searching Tips

- Decide on what you want
  - Sources
  - Exact keywords
- Skim through pages not to waste time on irrelevant materials
- Refer to your parameters
- Consider time
  - Be disciplined
  - You can't search everything
- Critical examination of information gathered



# Some Final Advice...

- It takes perseverance and hard work to get funding
- It takes even more hard work to deliver once you have the funding
- Work with mentors
- It's not the money, it's the opportunity. Make use of it.



# Workshop Catch Phrase

- *“Believe me no one gives money for charity ..... no one is that nice ..... They give for what they can get out of it” (Motevalli, M: 2012)*



