# Funding Opportunities

**1) Common Fund for Commodities seeking Proposals to Support Commodity Development Activities (15th Round)**
**(Deadline: 15 October 2019)**

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) is inviting applicants for support of commodity development activities in its member countries. The CFC provides a range of financial and technical instruments in support or business activities contributing to commodity sector development in Developing Countries. Examples include agriculture, commodity value addition and trade, minerals and metals. Besides generating a viable financial return, eligible activities should also deliver a measurable social and environmental impact.

- **Social:** Create employment (particularly for youth and women), provide a sustained increase in household incomes, reduce poverty, and enhance food security.
- **Economic:** Enhance production and productivity, achieve higher local value addition; improve the competitiveness of producers, producer organisations and small and medium-sized industries, support the financial sector development.
- **Environmental:** Enhance production taking into account the environment and its long term possibilities for the same, or increased use of productive resources while maintaining or reducing the impact on the environment.

  - Are innovative, scalable and replicable.
  - Are financially sustainable.
  - Have a potential measurable positive socio-economic and environmental impact on the stakeholders in commodity value chains as compared to the prevailing baseline situation.
  - Develop stronger connections with existing markets or create new markets along the value chain.
  - Increase financial or other services available for commodity producers and commodity-based businesses.
  - Enhance knowledge generation and information dissemination.
  - Build effective and cost-efficient collaboration between producers, industry, governments, civil society organisations and other stakeholders for commodity-based development.
  - Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of agricultural value chains Inter alia including climate change and energy-related sensitive components as appropriate.

For further details click here
http://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals/

**2)** **R2HC Annual Funding Call to address Specific or Multiple Public Health Issues**
**(Deadline: 16 July 2019)**

The Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance (ELRHA) are pleased to announce its Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) Annual Funding Call that addresses specific or multiple public health issues by gathering evidence with the potential to contribute to improved public health outcomes in humanitarian contexts.

Priority areas:

- public health priorities specific to the context of a humanitarian crisis that lacks a solid existing evidence base;
- how public health interventions not specific to a humanitarian context can be adapted and delivered, and their effectiveness maximised, in a humanitarian context;
- health systems, including coordination of the public health response in humanitarian contexts and health system strengthening in conflict-affected countries;
- Specific interventions designed to improve health outcomes, such as cash transfers.
- Proposals may focus on specific, or multiple public health issues, gathering data or evidence with the potential to contribute to improved public health outcomes in humanitarian contexts.
- Proposals must include a partnership between at least one academic or research institution and one operational humanitarian partner. Either body can be the lead organisation for the application. Under Call 7, they have an additional requirement, that the research consortium must include at least one academic or a research institution from the country(s) or region(s) in which applicants plan to undertake research.
- Research proposals are required to demonstrate how gender equality and social inclusion will be addressed through the research process and, also, how the research outcomes will contribute to increased gender equality and social inclusion during humanitarian crises.
- Proposals that focus on addressing public health issues specifically affecting vulnerable and marginalised populations, such as people with disabilities, the elderly, women and girls, and hard-to-reach groups, will be welcomed. Proposals should consider how vulnerable and marginalised groups access health services and are integrated into the planning of service provision.
- The potential scale of impact of funded research is an important criteria and they therefore strongly encourage applications that focus on:
- comparative (multi-country) research
- research that is replicable in multiple contexts
- multi-sector integrated responses
- Inclusion of cost-effectiveness analyses (where appropriate).
- Proposed research methodologies should be of a standard such that final papers will be publishable in peer-reviewed academic journals. Robust innovative

methodologies that advance research in humanitarian settings are encouraged. Primary and/or secondary data collection approaches will be considered.

- Research proposals may focus on any of the various humanitarian crisis settings, whether urban or rural, camp or the general population.

For further details click here
https://www.elrha.org/funding-opportunity/r2hc-annual-funding-call/

### 3) FLACC inviting Proposals from Visual Artists around the World
#### (Deadline: 1 July 2019)

FLACC is inviting project proposals from the visual artists working in a variety of media and disciplines around the World. The work period is three-month full time or around 90 days, divided into several smaller work periods between February 2020 and December 2020. FLACC offers accommodation, a workplace, covered travel expenses as well as a small production budget.

Crucial elements in the FLACC workplace projects are:

- theoretical research,
- input from experts,
- practical feasibility, and
- output in relation to the studio labour,

For further details click here
http://www.flacc.info/en/opencall

### 4) Applications Open for SAARC Research Grant Islamic Cultural Trails
#### (Deadline: 30 June 2019)

Applicants are invited to apply for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Research Grant that will provide an opportunity for the Member States to explore new research areas and sites along the Islamic Cultural Trails. This will also act as a precursor to the Cultural Trails proposed for the future and lay the groundwork in research to look at Cultural Trails as connected routes where ideas, information and knowledge travelled in all directions.

The "South Asian Cultural Trails" was approved by the 18th SAARC Summit in Kathmandu in November 2014. The Islamic Cultural Trails is the third Research Grant on South Asian Cultural Trails and was approved by the 10th Governing Board Meeting of the SAARC Cultural Centre and the 56th Session of the Programming Committee of SAARC.

- Islamic Cultural Trails
- Identification of New Sites and Locations
- Comparative Studies
- Comparative Research and interpretation
- Travels
- Cultural Symbolism
- Art and Architecture
- Archaeology
- Intangible Heritage
- Trade and Commerce
- Manuscripts, texts and inscriptions, languages and script
- Technology
- Cultural Diffusion
- Heritage Management
- Tourism promotion

For further detail click here
https://bit.ly/2IST0Dg

### 5) Nominations Open for 2019 CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year
**(Deadline: 30 June 2019)**

Nominations are open for Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) Environmental Photographer of the Year 2019 to promote and reward excellence
in international environmental photography, and to enhance the understanding of the causes, consequences of and solutions to climate change and social inequality.

Priority areas:
The competition encourages entries that are contemporary, creative, resonant, challenging, original and beautiful, but most of all, images that will inspire people around the world to start taking care of their environment.

Categories and Prizes:

- Environmental Photographer of the Year
- Climate Action and Energy Prize
- Changing Environments Prize
- Sustainable Cities Prize
- Water, Equality and Security Prize
- Young Environmental Photographer of the Year

The Environmental Photographer of the Year 2019 is now open for entries to all professional and amateur, national and international photographers of all ages. Entries will close 16.00 BST on Sunday 30 June 2019.

For further detail click here

https://www.ciwem.org/awards/environmental-photographer-of-the-year

**6)** **Core Infrastructure Fund is now open for Applications**
**(Deadline: 01 July 2019)**

Pen Technology Fund is seeking applications for its Core Infrastructure Fund that supports the 'building block' technologies, infrastructures, and communities relied upon by digital security and circumvention tools strengthening internet freedom, digital security, and the overall health of the internet.

Priority areas:
**(Ideal applications for this fund focus on supporting)**

- Key developers or organizers, so they can work full time on crucial core efforts in need of additional support;
- New developers or organizers focused on improving security standards, quality assurance, and best practices within core infrastructure projects;
- Developers, authors, or organizers drafting or promoting digital security and civil society needs within standards and protocols;
- Researchers exploring new methods of circumvention that would improve the resiliency of widely utilized tools;
- Specific outcomes, such as the necessary maintenance and upgrades to existing open source projects (database, hosting, or other tool migration; rewriting test suites; major new features);
- Efforts that make existing projects more accessible and easier to contribute to (ex. documentation, tool migration, refactoring code, testing);
- Efforts that develop new or evolve existing organizational and governance structures and sustainability models beyond work-for-hire;
- Efforts that increase the understanding and awareness of relevant actors in this space, their roles, and how they contribute to maintaining the internet's core ecosystem;

For further detail click here

https://www.opentech.fund/requests/core-infrastructure-fund

**7)** **Welcome Trust announces Small Grants in Humanities and Social Science 2019**
**(Full Application Deadline: 11 July 2019 round)**

Wellcome Trust Foundation is seeking applications for its Small Grants in Humanities and Social Science 2019 that enable researchers to build professional networks, develop new research agendas and increase the impact of their work.

Priority areas / who can apply:

You can apply for a Small Grant if you're humanities or social science researcher with a compelling research vision and you want to do one or more of the following:

- Build your professional network.
- Develop a new research agenda.
- Increase the impact of their work.

For further detail click here
https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/small-grants-humanities-and-social-science

**8)** **5th Edition of the Free Press Awards to recognize Journalists Worldwide**
**(Deadline: 15 July 2019)**

Free Press Unlimited is pleased to announce its fifth edition of the Free Press Awards 2019 with an aim to celebrate the work of the best journalists and media professionals.

Free Press Unlimited wants people to have access to reliable information they need to develop and prosper. They support journalists worldwide to make stories be told.

Priority areas/Categories:
- **Newcomer of the Year:** Nominees in the category Newcomer of the Year show extraordinary dedication to journalism as a means to hold those in power accountable and to serve as a watchdog in the public interest. They manage to share stories that would otherwise be left untold.
- **Most Resilient Journalist:** The Free Press Award in the category Most Resilient Journalist is presented to a journalist who has demonstrated extraordinary strength of character, courage and perseverance in reporting the news.

For further detail click here
https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en/free-press-awards

### 9)   Applications Open for Collaborative Awards in Science 2019
   **(Preliminary application deadline: 20 July 2019 round)**

The Wellcome Trust is seeking applications for its Collaborative Awards in Science 2019 to promote the development of new ideas and speed the pace of discovery.
The Wellcome Trust Fund's team of researchers, consisting of independent research groups, to work together on the most important scientific problems that can only be solved through collaborative efforts.
Priority areas / Who can apply

You can apply for this award if you want to tackle an important and original health-related question that requires the combined knowledge and expertise of a team of researchers.

Your proposed approach must have the potential to make a significant, measurable difference to health research in the humanities and social sciences.

For further detail click here
https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/collaborative-awards-science

### 10)   Investigator Awards in Humanities and Social Science
   **(Preliminary application deadline: 20 July 2019 round)**

Investigator Awards enable humanities and social science researchers with a compelling research vision to tackle the most significant questions in human health.

In 2020, we're going to pause this scheme for one year to focus on two new calls. The last preliminary application deadline before this will be in January 2020. This will not affect award holders.

Priority areas / who can apply

You can apply for an Investigator Award if you're a humanities or social science researcher with a compelling vision who wants to tackle a significant question about human health.

For further detail click here
https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/investigator-awards-humanities-and-social science

## 11) Nominations Open for World Smart City Awards 2019
### (Deadline:04 September 2019)

Nominations are open for World Smart City Award to recognize, promote and support pioneering city strategies, projects and ideas that can potentially change citizen's lives through their outstanding innovation and impact.

Award Categories:

- City Award
- Innovative Idea Award
- Digital Transformation Award
- Urban Environment Award
- Mobility Award
- Governance & Finance Award
- Inclusive & Sharing Cities Awards

Priority areas / who can participate:

The World Smart City Awards are aimed at both public and private sector, cities, businesses, entrepreneurs, startups, digital innovators, developers, research centers, universities, civic techs, civil society representatives, non-governmental organizations, cooperatives, consortiums (public-private) and social activists with innovative ideas, research, visions and solutions for the management and development of our cities.
For further detail click here
http://www.smartcityexpo.com/en/calls/call-for-awards

## 12) Applications Open for Artists to submit their Arts and Win up to $3,000!
### (Deadline: 08 October 2019)

Art is a powerful tool to evoke social change. Without uttering a single word, artists can enlighten, educate and affect change around the world. Embracing Our Differences invites you to participate in creating a world where differences are embraced and individuality is celebrated. Become a part of this exciting change through your visual art submission to the annual Embracing our differences in the international juried competition.

Featuring 45 billboard-size images, each work of art is created by local, national and international artists reflecting their interpretation of our theme "*enriching lives through diversity and inclusion."*

Priority areas:
Creating a world where differences are embraced and individuality is celebrated
For further detail click here
https://www.embracingourdifferences.org/submit-art/#/

## 13) AI for Earth Innovation Program inviting Proposal from all over the World
### (Deadline: 09 October 2019)

The National Geographic Society (NGS) and Microsoft's AI for Earth Innovation program are inviting proposals to support novel projects that create and deploy AI tools to improve the way they monitor, model, and ultimately manage Earth's natural systems for a more sustainable future.

The grants given by the partnership will support projects that create and deploy open source trained models and algorithms that make key analytical processes more efficient in the environmental field. Microsoft will help the successful proposals make the completed models available for use by other environmental researchers and innovators.

Priority areas:
To qualify, applications should outline a proposal to use AI for conservation in at least one of the following core areas:

- Climate change
- Agriculture
- Water

For further detail click here
www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/ai-earth-innovation/

**Funding opportunities**
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