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2023 Call for Applications

AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa

*(Language of Application: All applications **MUST** be submitted in English)*

I. Background

We are pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the “AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa”. This grant is funded by the BAYER Foundation with the support of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), Federal Republic of Germany. The Grant is for Junior Researchers (PhD students) and aims to strengthen the scientific capacity of young scholars in Africa.

II. Programmes

The AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa enables doctoral students from sub-Saharan African countries to undertake outstanding research activities in Biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture.

The proposed activities must be part of the doctoral research, including but not limited to field experiment and data collection or laboratory studies. Eligible junior researchers need to demonstrate the relevance of their work to further development of their home countries in sub-Sahara Africa. **The Grant aims to support African PhD students for field work activities. A maximum Grant of EUR 7000 will be awarded to each successful applicant.**

III. Eligibility and Application Process

Direct applications from junior researchers having published at least 1 scientific paper **(in a non-predatory journal)** will be considered for the grant. **The applicant should be working in the field of Biodiversity conservation and/or Sustainable Agriculture. Candidate must be officially registered for a Doctoral degree at a university/tertiary institute in sub-Sahara Africa and a national of a sub-Saharan African country.** Applicants must demonstrate clearly that their work is relevant to development in sub-Saharan African countries.

IV. Required Documents (Maximum size= 8Mb)

Complete applications must include the following:

- A **short research/project proposal** (not more than 5 pages) *from the junior scientist (applicant)* with a short outline of the proposed work activities and a schedule for achieving the objectives of the research project.
- A standard **CV of the applicant** (use the AGNES template attached to this call).
- Official proof of registration** for the postgraduate degree (only current Doctoral students are eligible).
- A **copy of the official Academic transcripts** reflecting the grades obtained in the undergraduate and any postgraduate study. Please supply the official explanation of the grading system.
- A **list of published articles in non-predatory journals** (include an e-copy the first page showing the title, authors and the abstract).
- A **detailed budget** of the planned activities.

V. How to Submit Your Application

Direct The submission will follow two steps:

Step 1: You have to fill the application form by clicking on the link below:

<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/single/d4f3f8c867beb3019e3454443195bbd7>

Step 2: You have to send the required documents by e-mail using the following format:

From	Candidate's email address
To:	info@agnes-h.org and dynareal@gmail.com
Cc:	and rlvihotogbe@gmail.com
Subject:	"AGNES-BAYER Science Foundation Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa"
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All the required documents listed in above, preferably in PDF format.2. All supporting documents must be labelled with your surname.3. All files (TOTAL) size should not be more than 8 MB.
Message:	Please find attached my application for the "2023_AGNES-BAYER Research Grant for Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa". Thank you. Candidate's name and address

VI. Deadline for application

All applications must be submitted online by **August 30th, 2023 at 00.00 GMT**. All applications that do not follow the indicated guidelines or that lack a required document will automatically be rejected. Late applications will not be accepted.

VII. Amount and Use of the Grant

The maximum budget of the grant is **EUR 7000**. This once-off Grant cannot be used to refund previous field work activities. The recipient of the Grant and her/his supervisor must both send a signed letter of acceptance and contractual agreement to the Governing Board of AGNES within seven days of receipt of the offer. On completion of the PhD, Grantees and supervisors are both expected to make reports to AGNES on the progress and success of the work (scientific publications).

VIII. Selection Meeting

The selection meeting will be held in **October 2023** and only selected candidates will be notified. Commencement of research activities will be earliest on **the 1st of December 2023** and latest the **29th of February 2024**.

IX. For Further Information

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