Cambridge Africa Climate Collaborative Research Fund

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The Cambridge Africa Climate Collaborative Research Fund* aims to catalyse new and strengthen existing collaborations between researchers in Africa and Cambridge and support high-quality training activities. The focus of the scheme is climate resilience and sustainability, interpreted broadly provided that the application justifies its relevance to this theme. Awards are made to pairs of researchers (at post-doctoral level and above although due consideration will be given for equivalent experience), one from an African university and one from the University of Cambridge. We encourage applications from across the sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts and from all academic subject areas. We particularly encourage innovative research. Multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research proposals and research- related training activities are welcomed.

This fund is part of the Africa Climate Collaborative, a partnership between the universities of Cambridge, Cape Town, Ghana and Makerere, the Association of African Universities, and the Mastercard Foundation. Together, the partners are empowering young Africans to lead climate resilient and sustainable futures.

The research fund is supported by a generous £7.7million investment by the Mastercard Foundation and will run from 2025 to 2030. It is anticipated that most awards will be made for activities that will take place over a 12-month period (in the case of a Research Catalyst Grant and a Workshop Grant) or 18 months (in the case of a Research Project Grant)

To date, we have had two successful rounds of applications, with 52 awards made, enabling Cambridge researchers to engage with African colleagues from 19 African countries.

We are now pleased to announce that the third round of applications is open.

Any enquiries about the scheme can be directed to africaclimatecollaborative@cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk

Guidance for Applicants

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