Amit Bhasin Prize

Dr Amit Bhasin (left) was Cambridge-Africa Programme Manager (2019-2020), until his untimely death. His friends and colleagues raised funds for a prize to be awarded to outstanding African research students at Cambridge, to remember him and celebrate his dedication to supporting African researchers.

The Dr Amit Bhasin inaugural prize was won by David Izuogu (right), Knal year Cambridge-Africa PhD scholar.

Alborada Research Fund

Alborada Research Fund call closed on the 3rd September. We received 49 applications and 36 of these were funded. Successful applicants will receive confirmation before the end of October.

Profile of African fellows and collaborators

In the last few months, we have featured our collaborators from Africa as well as some of our scholars.

Dr Joel Ltilitan Bargul, THRiVE scholar from Kenya

Dr Chioma Rita Achi, Cambridge-Africa PhD student from Nigeria

Dr Peace Bagasha, THRiVE scholar from Uganda.

Cambridge-Africa collaborator, Dr Gordon Awandare, Founder and Director of West African Center for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP), Ghana.

Cambridge-Africa Equipment Fund

Thanks to the University of Cambridge, Research England QR GCRF Grant, we were able to enhance our support for graduating PhD scholars and partners through equipment grants as follows:

Final year PhD scholars:

Dr Chioma Rita Achi for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria.

Warren Arinaitwe International Centre for Tropical Agriculture in Uganda

Former PhD scholars

Dr Bongumenzi Nxumalo of the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Collaborators

Uganda Cancer Research Institute

Placental biology course

Cambridge-Africa sponsored 4 scientists from collaborating institutes in Africa to participate in this course: Adroma Mose, Sheila Nabweyambo and Angelina Kakooza Mwesige from Makerere University, Uganda; Deya Eldin Mohamed from the University of Gezira, Sudan; Dorotheah Obiri from the University of Ghana and Enitome Bafor from the National Cancer Institute, Maryland USA.

Funding

The outcome of DELTAS applications for both THRiVE and MUII is still uncertain and we will keep you posted on any developments.

Staff

Corinna Alberg left Cambridge-Africa in July 2021. We wish her all the best in her new post.

Opportunities and other news

Cambridge Conservation Initiative is open for applications for the Masters in Conservation Leadership Programme. There are full and partial scholarships available for outstanding students.

The deadline for applications is the 2nd December 2021.

The REAL Centre and CAMFED have announced a new partnership to examine how community-led interventions that target the needs of the most marginalised children can be scaled through education systems in Tanzania and in other countries in sub-Saharan Africa.