One Planet Fellowship

The Initiative

Africa is particularly vulnerable to climate change with hundreds of millions of lives at risk of hunger and starvation if the continent remains unable to feed its growing population. Research and innovation can help Africa feed itself, but this will only happen if substantial investments are made now to build a pipeline of talented scientists equipped to take on leadership roles in the agricultural research sector.

Against this background, the One Planet Fellowship Initiative has been established to build a vibrant, highly connected and intergenerational network of African and European scientists equipped to lead research on climate change on Africa’s agriculture. The scientists will also focus on the multi-dimensional impacts of climate change on and food systems while also identifying and developing innovative solutions to effectively respond to the challenges, needs, and priorities of diverse population groups across the continent.

Announced at the One Planet Summit held in Paris in December 2017, the One Planet Fellowship will work to build the capacity of high-potential researchers from Africa and Europe to develop relevant, gender-responsive interventions towards climate change adaptation. It is designed to build and enhance the mentoring, scientific, networking and leadership skills of scientists working on the nexus between agriculture and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) will lead the management of the Fellowship in partnership with Agropolis Fondation.
Inspired by the AWARD Fellowship Model, the One Planet Fellowship entails the following activities:

- **A highly competitive selection process:**

  For candidates who will become One Planet Laureates upon completion of the three-year non-residential fellowship process. Recipients are selected based on their merit, competence and other relevant eligibility criteria (see page five).

- **A matching (pairing) process:**

  The proposed One Planet Laureates are paired with more established African scientists (Mentors) who are carefully chosen to match their area of expertise and career objectives.

- **A mentoring program:**

  The proposed Laureate-Mentor pairs commence a year-long mentorship relationship and are supported to build successful partnerships geared toward enhancing the Laureates’ career growth.

In the second year of the Fellowship, the proposed Laureates select emerging African and European scientists (also known as Learning Partners) to whom they serve as Mentors.

This model creates a mentorship pod of three generations of scientists working on innovations to help African smallholder farmers adapt to a changing climate.

- **A series of training and scientific events:**

  The proposed Laureates, their Mentors and Learning Partners are supported to attend various AWARD courses including, the Mentoring Orientation Workshops, the Leadership and Science skills courses, and other events jointly organized by AWARD and partners.

- **Advanced Science Training (AST):**

  In the final year of the Fellowship, the best performing proposed Laureates are supported to participate in research placements at internationally recognized research institutes. This process will require the proposed Laureates to work closely with renowned scientists (also referred to as Research Supervisors) from across the world on mutually agreed research projects on climate and agriculture-related issues.

- **Laureates’ ceremony:**

  At the end of the 3-year process, scientists who satisfactorily complete all elements of the Fellowship will be named One Planet Laureates and will join an elite cohort of scientists.
One Planet Fellowship at a glance

- A five-year and USD 15 million initiative
- Targets 600 agricultural scientists in a career-acceleration process aimed at:
  - Fostering leadership skills
  - Sharpening scientific skills
- Enhancing scientists’ capacity to integrate gender into their research
- Catalyzing research partnerships and networks
- Diverse activities over five years starting February 2019:
  
  **Competitive Selection**
  
  Three rounds of open competition to select One Planet Laureates
  
  **Mentoring Partnerships**
  
  Identification and appointment of Mentors
  
  **Community of practice**
  
  Establishment of a One Planet community of practice on climate change and agricultural development
  
  **Learning Experiences**
  
  Various learning (theoretical and practical) experiences

Important dates

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Application procedure

The call for the inaugural round of the One Planet Fellowship opens on February 1, 2019. The application process will include the following steps:

Step 1

Check your eligibility criteria

All applicants for the One Planet Fellowship must meet the following criteria:

• Be a citizen of one of the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia;
• Be aged 40 years or less as of April 2019;
• Have attained a minimum education level of a bachelor’s degree;
• Reside in Africa and be actively engaged in research, policy, and practice relevant to climate change and Africa’s smallholder agriculture.

Step 2

Read the supporting documents

Applicants should carefully read the eligibility criteria and the supporting documents before they decide to apply. Supporting documents include:

• One Planet Fellowship Scientific Framework
• Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

These documents are available on the One Planet Fellowship website.

Step 3

Complete and submit your application

Application for the One Planet Fellowship is via an online form available on the Fellowship website.

The application form is available in both English, and French and applicants are encouraged to access and submit their application form in their most proficient language.

Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) is working toward inclusive, agriculture-driven prosperity for Africa by strengthening the production and dissemination of more gender-responsive agricultural research and innovation. We invest in African scientists, research institutions, and agribusinesses so that they can deliver agricultural innovations that better respond to the needs and priorities of a diversity of women and men across Africa’s agricultural value chains.

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