



Strengthening health research capacity in Africa

Programme of AREF Research Development Fellowships

The **Africa Research Excellence Fund** is pleased to announce a **second call for applications** directed at the needs of outstanding early-career African researchers

The aim of the *AREF Research Development Fellowships* program is to enable talented African postdoctoral researchers - working on important challenges for human health - to develop their own research ideas, advanced skills, collaborations, mentorship and funding proposals through a well-planned placement of 3-to-9-months in a leading research organisation in South Africa, UK or continental Europe.

The maximum award is 43,000 GB Pounds for a nine-month placement. The length of the placement and actual amount awarded will depend on the detailed justification provided by the applicant and their sponsoring institutions. Applicants will need to demonstrate a credible, ambitious vision for their research on a human-health challenge for Africa; and a transformational, well-supported development plan that would be significantly enhanced by the fellowship.

The *AREF Research Development Fellowship program* was formally launched on 4 April 2016. The first deadline for receipt of applications is **6 July 2016**. The awards will be announced latest in December 2016.

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage potential applicants to discuss their ideas with their employing institution, intended host institution and independent career mentors at an early stage. We welcome applications from women and men; diverse research disciplines; and franco-, luso- and anglophone low-and middle income countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Find further details on the Africa Research Excellence Fund website:

<http://www.medicalresearchfoundation.org.uk/aref/2016/04/04/aref-research-development-fellowship-2016/>