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MRC/DFID African Research Leader scheme

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Date: The call will be launched on 15th June 2016 and the closing date is 14 Sep 2016 16:00 GMT+1

Purpose: The Medical Research Council will shortly be launching a further call to support 'rising star' African Research Leaders. This is a prestigious award, jointly funded by the MRC and the Department for International Development (DFID). The aim of the scheme is to strengthen research leadership across sub-Saharan Africa by attracting and retaining exceptionally talented individuals who will lead high quality programmes of research on key global health issues pertinent to the region and beyond. The African Research Leader (ARL) should be supported by an enthusiastic local research environment and by a strong linkage with a UK partner. The African Research Leader will be nominated by a UK based principal investigator as part of the partnership between the African and UK institutions. The application must be submitted by the UK institution. Candidates based in South African institutions are eligible to apply in the current round. There are no UK residence eligibility restrictions for this scheme as the ARL candidate will be based in sub-Saharan Africa.

Budget: Awards provide support for up to five years. The grant package includes a potential contribution to the African Research Leader's salary (up to 100% in the first years), funds for a programme of research and support for collaborative activities between the African and UK institutions. Funding for the scheme is provided by the UK MRC and the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Awards will provide support for up to 5 years and should not exceed £750k in total. The majority of the funding will be for work taking place in the African research institution and so would be eligible for full economic costing (FEC) exceptions paid at 100%. Any costs specifically for the UK research institution will be provided on the basis of 80% FEC as usual. Please note that MRC Units (whether UK or African) are only eligible for directly incurred costs at 100% FEC.

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