



ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES (ACU) Funding Opportunities

The University of Namibia is a member of the ACU which offers numerous benefits for member institutions. All UNAM staff are eligible and strongly encouraged to apply for these open and upcoming ACU funding opportunities. <https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/>

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<p>The Supporting Research Community Training Grants (formerly Early Career Research Training Grants) fund staff at Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) member universities to organise and deliver training for their early and/or mid career researchers. Universities can use their own criteria of what defines an early career researcher, but it must include doctoral candidates, and the training must be available to participants from multiple disciplines.</p> <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/supporting-research-community-training-grants/</p>	<p>23 April 2024 16:00 UTC</p>
<p>Early Career Conference Grants help to ensure that emerging researchers can attend and participate in conferences. Applicants must be within 7 years of the start of their research/teaching career, except for those who have had career breaks. Applicants need to identify a conference they would like to attend in a commonwealth country that is happening between August 2024 and February 2025.</p> <p><i>NB: Applicants cannot have previously travelled for work outside of their <u>region of employment</u> since the start of their academic career or be a previous recipient of this grant.</i></p> <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/early-career-grants/</p>	<p>23 April 2024 16:00 UTC</p>
<p>ACU Gender Grants are awarded annually to member universities to support initiatives that will boost gender equity and equality on campus. The grants include online training and follow-up online support from the Martha Farrell Foundation. The grants can be used for a diverse range of projects, workshops, and events in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting women in leadership • Raising awareness of sexual harassment and developing anti-sexual harassment initiatives • Supporting women in science and research • Creating effective institutional policies • Mainstreaming gender equity into the curriculum <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/acu-gender-grants/</p>	<p>7 May 2024 16:00 UTC</p>



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<p>Higher Education and the SDGs Network Grants fund collaborative work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The grant is open to professional and academic staff who are encouraged to consider ideas related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual exchange engagements, teaching or professional practice collaboration. • Sharing and co-development of learning materials, training and approaches to support contingency and continuity of operations planning at higher education institutions (HEIs). • Virtual fellowships, comparative analyses, research management and uptake capacity-building. • Integrating sustainable development into operations. • Sharing SDG learning content and materials. • Developing SDG-focused research strategies. • Co-creating research for impact, community engagement, and partnerships for the goals. <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/higher-education-and-the-sdgs-network-grants/</p>	<p>Opens: 6 April 2024</p> <p>Closes: 2 June 2024, 16:00 UTC</p>
<p>The Routledge/Round Table Commonwealth PhD Studentships provide support for research projects on Commonwealth-related themes. Proposed research must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate to the Commonwealth as a whole or to any Commonwealth-wide institution or organisation. • Have a Commonwealth comparative aspect. • Be of relevance to more than one Commonwealth country. <p>Applicants must be enrolled at an ACU member institution or a UK university. Eligible disciplines in the humanities and social sciences such as politics, international relations, economics, international history, geography, law, development studies, and area studies (e.g. African Studies) are preferred. Applicants are required to identify and work with a mentor/expert in the research subject topic at a university in another Commonwealth country (see list of UNAM partners/ACU members below).</p> <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-students/studentships/routledgeround-table-commonwealth-studentships/</p>	<p>Opens: 1 May 2024</p> <p>Closes: 13 August 2024, 16:00 UTC</p>
<p>ACU Fellowships facilitate collaboration at a distance and the creation of valuable new partnerships between ACU member universities across the Commonwealth. These partnerships are developed through research visits for up to 6 months to an ACU member university in a different country. Academic and professional services staff can apply for the following fellowships:</p>	<p>Opens: 14 May 2024</p> <p>Closes: 9 July 2024, 16:00 UTC</p>

International Funding Opportunities



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountancy • Agriculture, Forestry & Food Science • Canada Fellowship - Incoming • Hong Kong Jockey Club – Incoming • Information Technology and Computer Science <p>Applicants must have identified and approached a collaborator at an ACU member university in another country (see list of our partners/ACU members below).</p> <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/fellowships/acu-fellowships/</p>	
<p>The Human Resources in Higher Education (HR in HE) Community Grants support university Human Resource practitioners by encouraging collaboration and promoting the sharing of good practices. The grants help to meet the costs of organising projects that promote the essential work of HR and the aims of the HR in HE Community. The grants can be for virtual or in-person projects, workshops, or events, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending HR-related conferences and sharing learnings. • Creating and delivering relevant training and development for HR practitioners. • Co-creating approaches/policies on HR issues, such as workforce planning, inclusion, mental health, international recruitment. • Co-creating HR processes. • Delivering webinars on pressing issues for HR practitioners. • Benchmarking of good HR practice across the Commonwealth. • Research projects. <p>Applicants should be working in human resources.</p> <p>https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/hr/</p>	<p>Opens: 13 June 2024</p> <p>Closes: 13 August 2024, 16:00 UTC</p>

***NB: The following are UNAM partners that are also ACU members.**

University of Ibadan (Nigeria)	Bindura University of Science Education (Zim)
Cape Peninsula University of Technology (SA)	Amity University (India)
Nelson Mandela University (SA)	University of the West Indies (Jamaica)
North-West University (SA)	Bath Spa University (UK)
Stellenbosch University (SA)	Cardiff University (UK)
University of Cape Town (SA)	University of Edinburgh (UK)
University of Pretoria (SA)	University of Oxford (UK)
University of Western Cape (SA)	University of Strathclyde (UK)
University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)	Macquarie University (Australia)
University of Toronto (Canada)	