Scriptoria Grant Writing Online Course
22 and 23 June 2022 10:00 - 13:30 (GMT+1)
Application Guidance

Summary

CONNECTED aims to build a sustainable network of international scientists and researchers to address the challenges of vector-borne plant viruses in Africa. CONNECTED creates opportunities for individuals to engage with each other, build capacity and create research consortia to respond to funding opportunities to tackle vector-borne plant viruses.

A key objective of CONNECTED is to enable Network Members, particularly Early Career Researchers, to enhance their knowledge and skills for career progression. To contribute to this, CONNECTED are running a 2-day Grant Writing online course delivered by Scriptoria.

Preference will be given to Network Members who are Early Career Researchers and to those who are based in DAC-list countries

There are 20 places available on the course: these will be awarded following a competitive review process.

Applicants

Network Members who have a research and/or teaching employment contract are eligible, but preference will be given to those who are Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and to those based in DAC-list countries. ECRs are defined as those who have received their highest degree (BSc, MS or PhD) within the past 7 years. For a list of DAC countries, please visit the following link: http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.htm

To be eligible, you must have a current contract of research and or teaching employment which extends at least until the finish date of the proposed training. All applications must be supported by your organisation: please provide a letter of support from your research group leader confirming your contract of employment, that you are recommended to undertake this training and that you are able take time off from your work duties to attend the training.

Reporting and evaluation

At the outset and upon completion of the training, awardees will be required to complete a short evaluation form. Awardees will also be required to complete a follow up questionnaire 6 – 12 months later. The Network Team may also request that the awardee's group leader complete a related questionnaire for assessing change resulting from the training course.

We would also like some awardees to briefly contribute their reflections on the course during sessions at the CONNECTED online conference which is the following week (28 – 30 June 2022).

Application form:

1. Applicant details – please complete all sections
2. Benefit of the training to the applicant - please detail how this training opportunity will contribute to your professional development in the CONNECTED research field (maximum 400 words). Main points to include:
   a. Your current area of research and your work responsibilities
   b. The potential of this training to development your career in the field of plant vector-borne disease
   c. Your opportunities to use and share the learning you will receive with colleagues

3. Previous CONNECTED funding – please let us know if you have received funding from CONNECTED to date and what for/how much.
4. Required additional documents – please enclose your CV with the application form, this should include information on your current employment, education, publications, conferences, training courses undertaken and any previous awards. Please also include a letter of support from your group leader confirming (a) your contract of employment at your institution, (b) that you are recommended to undertake this training (c) you are able take time off from your work duties to attend the training
5. Confirmation section - Please complete
6. Signature - Please complete

Completed application forms, CVs, and letters of support must all be submitted to the Network Team email account (connectedvirusnetwork@gmail.com) by 4pm on the closing date.

Review process

Each application received will be checked by the Network Team to ensure it meets the application criteria and contains the required information. If there are any problems, further information will be requested from the applicant. All complete applications will be reviewed by the Network Team. The CONNECTED Directors will receive a copy of the shortlisted applications, to enable awards to be made.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application; please see the CONNECTED website for anticipated dates when results will be communicated to applicants.

Publicity and Data Protection

Copies of applications will be made available to the Network Team and CONNECTED Directors who will use the information provided for reviewing the proposal and post-award administration. CONNECTED may choose to publish details of the successful awardees on the CONNECTED website.