



# Grant Africa Training Program

## Program Title

**GrandAfrica :Training for Strengthening Health Systems and Responding to Health Risks**

## Context and Justification

We are delighted to announce the launch of the first cohort of "GrantAfrica", an initiative we are launching in collaboration with the University of Oxford. This innovative project aims to select and train 25 African young medical researchers, cardiologists, nephrologists, and public health specialists over one year to guide them in obtaining essential funding for their research. This training will be held annually.



The need for this training stems from the urgent necessity to improve surveillance systems to support the response to current and future health risks, including climate change. Furthermore, it is crucial to promote evidence-based health in all sectoral policies and strengthen health systems to ensure quality healthcare for all. By training these young researchers, we will be better prepared to combat non-communicable diseases, accelerate the reduction of maternal, neonatal, and child mortality, and eliminate high-impact communicable diseases.

## Training Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- 1** Develop robust surveillance systems to support the response to health risks.
- 2** Integrate evidence-based health into sectoral health policies.
- 3** Design research strategies aimed at strengthening the resilience of health systems.
- 4** Develop interventions to improve the quality of healthcare.
- 5** Understand and meet the requirements of international funding bodies for grant applications.

## Target Audience

This training is aimed at young medical researchers, cardiologists, nephrologists, and public health specialists, particularly those based in sub-Saharan Africa.

## Duration and Location of Training

**1 year** (including intensive sessions and continuous mentorship)

**Location** : University of Oxford (initial sessions) and various locations in Africa for follow-up sessions and mentorship.

## Training Content

The training will include the following elements:

- **Intensive Seminars** : Initial sessions at the University of Oxford covering the basics of grant writing, study design, sampling, and measurements.
- **Continuous Mentorship** : Personalized support throughout the year for preparing and submitting funding applications.
- **Practical Workshops** : Hands-on exercises to develop and refine research proposals.
- **Online Sessions** : Follow-up and group discussion sessions to share experiences and advice.





## Methodology

- **Interactive Approach :** Interactive sessions with experts in research funding.
- **Case Studies :** Analysis and critique of real funding proposals.
- **Practical Exercises :** Writing and reviewing funding applications.
- **Continuous Evaluation :** Regular feedback and adjustments to funding application strategies.

## Expected Outcomes

By the end of the training, participants will have:

- Developed one or more funding applications ready for submission.
- Gained practical skills in writing research proposals.
- Built professional networks with mentors and peers.
- Increased their chances of obtaining funding for their research projects.
- Contributed to the creation of stronger and more resilient surveillance systems.
- Promoted the integration of evidence-based health into health policies and decision making.

## Conclusion

"GrantAfrica" represents a unique opportunity for young African medical researchers to develop the skills necessary to successfully navigate the competitive landscape of research funding. In collaboration with the University of Oxford, we are committed to providing quality support and valuable resources to help researchers achieve their academic and professional ambitions. By training these young professionals, we are preparing a more effective response to current and future health challenges, contributing to the fight against non-communicable diseases, reducing maternal, neonatal, and child mortality, and eliminating and eradicating high-impact communicable diseases.

