

## Opportunities for African and global south graduate students and scholars

A compilation of databases and organizations working to support PhD students and faculty in the African region, and global south more generally, with social science backgrounds (economics, public health, public policy, demography etc.) in alphabetical order, with “tags” for type of support:

● (mentorship, training, advice, networking) ● (application to graduate school and associated fees) ● (scholarships and fellowships for studies) ● (grants and conference travel support) ● (other, life coaching, internships, public engagement programs etc.)

\* **Last updated: September 25, 2023** [note: this is not meant to be a comprehensive list of all opportunities, rather an “aggregation of options” and where to look for individual opportunities – please email: [amberpeterman@gmail.com](mailto:amberpeterman@gmail.com) to request any additions!

#	Organization	Type of support	Geographic focus?	Short description
1	<a href="#">AAawe</a>	● ● ● ●	Africa	<p>The Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAawe) is focused on the capacity and skill building of female African Economists, including networking, mentoring, assisting members to obtain grants, fellowships and internships and facilitating knowledge sharing among members.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@_aaawe</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
2	<a href="#">AERC</a>	● ● ● ●	Africa	<p>The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) is a capacity building institution working on research, training and policy outreach for economic development on the continent. AERC’s flagship <a href="#">training program</a> (Ph.D. and Masters) is designed to build the community of locally trained economists. They also offer topical <a href="#">workshops</a>, <a href="#">visiting scholar and attachment programs</a> and ongoing <a href="#">grant opportunities</a>.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@AERCAFRICA</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
3	<a href="#">Africademics</a>	● ● ● ● ●	Africa	<p>Africademics is a scholarship platform and community for African students and early-career scholars posting updates on scholarships, fellowships, training courses, career development and other funding opportunities—including an ambassador program which trains scholarship mentors.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@africademics</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>

4	<a href="#">AGMCP</a>	● ●	Africa	The Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Program (AGMCP) is a mentor-mentee network facilitated by the Interconnections for Making Africa Great, Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative providing mentoring and life coaching for African graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.) and postdocs on research and professional development. AGMEP runs from January to December each year with applications typically due in November.
5	<a href="#">AIME</a>	● ● ●	Global	The Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AIME) was established to identify and address outcome disparities for junior scholars in economics via a mentorship program for underrepresented minorities, first-gen or nationalities outside the US focusing on capacity building and advice, long-term mentorship, awareness raising on mental health, providing opportunities to present work, provision of scholarships and conference travel, among others.  [follow <a href="#">@econmentoring</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
6	<a href="#">AREF</a>	● ●	Africa	Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF) provides African researchers with access to training and skills development to address health challenges – includes programs on grant writing, women in research grant writing, towards leadership program, excel leadership development and research development fellowships.  [follow <a href="#">@AREF_Africa</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
7	<a href="#">AuthorAID</a>	● ● ● ●	Global	AuthorAID is a global network of researchers, practitioners and professionals to connect for networking, collaboration, online mentoring, courses and resources with a focus on the global south.  [follow <a href="#">@authoraid</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
8	<a href="#">Black Economist Network</a>	● ●	Global	The Black Economist Network (TBEN) is dedicated to providing a platform through which professionals and students of African and Caribbean descent in economics and related fields can connect, collaborate, share ideas and support each other. They host monthly events that allow members to connect physically or virtually, they have a WhatsApp / Slack group to debate and discuss issues related to economics, mentorship and avenues for sharing of opportunities.  [follow <a href="#">@TheBlackEcon</a> on twitter for the latest updates]

9	<a href="#">EconNect Africa</a>	● ●	Africa	<p>A network dedicated to empowering African PhD students in Economics (and related fields) through collaboration and networking, resource-sharing and mentorship – the network aims to amplify voices of young African scholars by providing them with tools and opportunities to excel in their fields.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@EconNect_Africa</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
10	<a href="#">GAIN</a>	● ●	Africa	<p>The Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) supports prospective students from all countries across Africa in applying for Master and Ph.D. programs in economics and related fields via information sharing, mentoring, peer-to-peer support, reduction of financial barriers with the goal of strengthening the pipeline for African students. GAIN offers a two-part program starting in March focused on the application process (part 1) and continuing with mentoring throughout the application cycle (part 2).</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@GAIN_Network</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
11	<a href="#">IGC</a>	● ● ● ●	Global	<p>Economists at the International Growth Centre (Ahmed, Nasir &amp; Sharma) have put together a <a href="#">curated list of resources</a> for black and other underrepresented minorities in Economics, including mentorship, professional, funding and other opportunities – undated October 2022.</p>
12	<a href="#">John Hopkins University</a>	●	Global	<p><a href="#">Living database</a> of graduate student US Federal and private funding opportunities across disciplines [last updated Feb 2023 ~200 opportunities]</p>
13	<a href="#">JPAL</a>	● ●	Africa and South Asia	<p>The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) has an <a href="#">African Scholars Program</a> with the objective of creating more opportunities for African researchers to drive the research agenda through use of randomized evaluations via funding, mentorship and training. JPAL Africa has compiled a <a href="#">google doc</a> of application support, advice and mentoring resources for African students interested in completing a graduate degree in Economics in the US, Canada and Europe.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@JPAL</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
14	<a href="#">Mawazo Institute</a>	● ● ● ● ●	Africa	<p>The Mawazo Institute is a women-led African organization supporting early-career women researchers via: a) Mawazo Learning Exchange, providing dedicated training for early-career African women researchers, b) Mawazo Voices, a public engagement program designed to get voices of African experts into the public discourse, c) Mawazo fellowship (15-month</p>

				<p>non-residential fellowship for African woman Ph.D. students), and d) an opportunities database with funding, training, conferences and other professional development opportunities.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@MawazInstitute</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
15	<a href="#">My First Grant</a>	● ●	Global	<p>“<a href="#">My First Grant</a>”: Small grant funding opportunities with an economics focus aimed at graduate students or new faculty, compiled by Anne Byrne.</p>
16	<a href="#">Opportunity Portal</a>	● ●	Global	<p>A portal of <a href="#">scholarship</a>, <a href="#">internship</a> and <a href="#">conference</a> opportunities aimed at global students and scholars.</p>
17	<a href="#">PEP</a>	● ● ●	Global	<p>The Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) is a Southern-led global organization supported to development by providing high-quality, locally-generated evidence. PEP includes a <a href="#">variety of research support</a>, including funding, <a href="#">training and tools</a>, mentorship, peer-review and networking.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@PEPNetwork</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
18	<a href="#">Project Short</a>	● ● ●	Global	<p>A student-led organization providing mentoring for under-represented students in medical and graduate school—with a focus on STEM fields via review of personal statements, practice interviews, school selection, general advice, professional networking and a summer research program database.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@ProjectShort</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
19	<a href="#">Research In Color Foundation</a>	● ● ● ●	Global	<p>Research In Color Foundation is aims to increase the number and retention of Ph.Ds. of color in economics and adjacent disciplines and amplify research of communities of color via mentorship (including the opportunity for each mentor-mentee pair to work on an 8-month long independent project of the mentees choosing), training, scholarships, internship and networking opportunities.</p> <p>[follow <a href="#">@researchincolor</a> on twitter for the latest updates]</p>
20	<a href="#">Sadie Collective</a>	● ●	Global	<p>The Sadie Collective aims to address the pipeline and pathway problem for Black women in economics and related fields through bringing together black women at different career stages to share resources, network, receive mentorship, professional development and advocate for broader visibility in the field.</p>

				[follow <a href="#">@SadieCollaborative</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
21	<a href="#">Scholarship database</a>	● ●	Global	Searchable scholarship database with 700+ scholarships for PhD, MSc/MA, BSc and MBA studies in diverse countries - <a href="#">thread</a> on how to conduct searches  [follow <a href="#">@awesome_ama</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
23	<a href="#">STAARS</a>	●	Africa	The Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARs) consortium offers the STAARS and STAAARS+ <a href="#">individual</a> and <a href="#">team</a> fellowships focused on agriculture, rural labor markets, food security, nutrition and health linkages and poverty dynamics in sub-Saharan Africa. Fellows are paired with faculty and research staff affiliated with Cornell University to produce publishable research using LSMS data.
24	<a href="#">UniArk</a>	●	Global	UniArk provides aspiring students from persecuted and/or historically disadvantaged groups from anywhere in the world (e.g., Hazaras, Tamils, Kurds, Sikhs, Chinese Indonesians, Rohingyas and others) with a mentor to guide students through application process at UK, US and EU universities.  [follow <a href="#">@uni_ark</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
25	<a href="#">WARA</a>	● ● ●	West Africa	West Africa Research Association (WARA) aims to promote research, scholarly exchange and awareness via diverse activities including fellowships (predoc to residencies) and travel grants for West African scholars.  [follow <a href="#">@west_wara</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
26	<a href="#">Women in Econ &amp; Policy</a>	● ● ●	Global, South Asia	Women in Econ & Policy is a community and platform aimed at solving the systemic gender diversity problem in Economics and Public Policy, providing mentoring, information and skills building sessions, internship support and professional development resources.  [follow <a href="#">@weconpol</a> on twitter for the latest updates]
27	World Bank	● ●	Global, Africa	The World Bank hosts the <a href="#">Robert S. McNamara Fellowship Program</a> , which matches aspiring development economics researchers from LMICs with World Bank research economists to be hosted at the bank for 8 months and provide professional experience, capacity building and research dissemination opportunities.

				<p>The <a href="#">World Bank Group Africa Fellowship program</a> selects recent Ph.D's from the Africa region for a 6-month assignment in Washington DC or a country office to gain hands-on knowledge, build skills and generate rigorous evidence (must be under the age of 32 to apply).</p>
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