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Amit Bhasin Prize

Dr Amit Bhasin was Cambridge-Africa Programme Manager 2019-2020, until his untimely death. His friends and colleagues raised funds for a prize to be awarded to outstanding African research students at Cambridge, to remember him and celebrate his dedication to supporting African researchers. An award of £500 will be made to the recipients.



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Cambridge-Africa PhD and Alumni news



Halima, who graduated in 2019 is now working in the UN security council, Niger's mandate.

Lucy Cavendish College have recently published a blog on her commitment to international development issues: [Bringing an intellectual dimension to development practice | Lucy Cavendish \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

We now have an alumni page which our scholars are aware off and are slowly filling out.

[Cambridge Africa Alumni page](#)

The current scholars are getting along well with their work and had a fun get-together via Zoom on the 9th April: [CA PhD scholars latest catch up: Cambridge-Africa](#)

Immunology Course

During the last week of April, a seminar series on immunology was held virtually by the Department of Pathology and another series by the Department of Medicine for University of Makerere Master's students, 18 students of whom will also attend the BSI (British Society of immunology) virtual conference on 7th—8th May.

The Uganda Cambridge Cancer Initiative

Two Makerere University medical students have been selected to undertake their electives in oncology at Addenbrookes Hospital in 2022. For more on the Uganda Cambridge Cancer Initiative, please read the latest newsletter: [UCI Newsletter May 21](#)

Alborada Research Fund

The next round of the Cambridge-Africa **Alborada Research Fund will open for applications on the 1st June 2021**. As a result of the ongoing Covid19 situation, we appreciate that opportunities for travel may still be limited so we encourage applicants to take a flexible approach and will issue further guidance on remote collaborations.

Reports are in from all projects. One of the beneficiaries, Dr John Eleblu, has published a fitting Easter message on the use of the 'resurrection gene' in cowpea on his blog:

[Read the article](#)



Mobility Grant

The Cambridge-Africa Strategic Advisory Group (CASAG) has in the last meeting (26th March 2021) **approved a mobility grant of £10,000** for any C-A PhD graduate with competitive proposals who seek to start work on the African continent. This grant will come from the **Alborada Research Fund**.

Funding

We anxiously await the outcome of DELTAS applications for both THRIVE and MUII at the end of the month more so because of the drop in funding by the UK government.

The NIHR application for a Global Health Research Group submitted by Dr Susan Turner & Dr Jackson Orem from the Uganda Cancer Institute was not successful. Although this is disappointing the Uganda and Cambridge teams will keep working together to identify new opportunities.

Public engagement

Tabitha Mwangi was guest on BBC World Service Health Check radio show discussing the new malaria vaccine.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

Staff



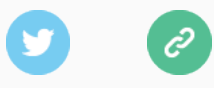
Tabitha Wanjia Mwangi is now Cambridge-Africa Programme Manager



Polly Basak has left Cambridge-Africa, we wish her all the best for the future.

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