

ANTI-VeC Network Meeting: Genetic and Symbiont-based Control Approaches for Vector Control

26-28 February 2023
Mnarani Club, Kilifi, Kenya

ABSTRACTS AND TRAVEL BURSARY APPLICATION GUIDANCE

This document provides information to applicants for the call for applications for abstracts and travel bursaries to attend and present their scientific work.

25th November 2022

Application deadline

9th December 2022

Application outcome

1. About the Network

ANTI-VeC is a Vector-borne Disease Network set up with GCRF funds awarded to the University of Glasgow, in partnership with Imperial College London. The ANTI-VeC Network focuses on the development of genetic / symbiont vector control strategies and related field, including:

- suppression and replacement / transmission blocking approaches
- vector-pathogen/symbiont interactions and line creation
- symbiont discovery
- underlying vector biology relevant to genetic intervention
- relevant aspects of vector ecology and behaviour
- social science of community acceptance
- mathematical / economic modelling

The Network provides an opportunity to stimulate new lines of research and new collaborations, increase interactions in these emerging fields, share experiences / expertise and expand links between leading researchers in the field.

2. Summary of the ANTI-VeC Call

The ANTI-VeC Network announce a call for applications for abstracts and travel bursaries for eligible network members to present their work at the **ANTI-VeC Network Meeting: Genetic and Symbiont-based Control Approaches for Vector Control**, which is taking place on 26-28 February 2023 at the Mnarani Club, Kilifi, Kenya.

The meetings are an integral part of the mission of the Network, bringing together UK and overseas researchers and building a community.

To achieve this, the call for abstracts for talks and posters is open to registered PhD students and postdoctoral level staff at any level, based anywhere in the world.

Eligibility for travel bursary applications are restricted to the categories referred to in Section 3 (Eligibility for Travel Bursary Funding), outlined below.

All applications must be within the scope of the ANTI-VeC network and its remit. Further information on this can be found on our website www.anti-vec.net

Confirmed invited speakers include:

- **Diego Ayala**, Institut Pasteur Madagascar and IRD
- **Abdoulaye Diabate**, IRSS, Burkina Faso
- **George Dimopoulos**, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- **Jeremy Herren**, *icip*, Kenya
- **Lizette Koekemoer**, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- **Mara Lawniczak**, WT Sanger Institute, UK
- **Tony Nolan**, LSTM, UK
- **Lea Toe**, IRSS, Burkina Faso
- **Frederic Tripet**, Keele University, UK
- **Tom Walker**, University of Warwick, UK
- **Nikolai Windbichler**, Imperial College London, UK
- **Charles Wondji**, CRID, Cameroon and LSTM, UK

Registration/Accommodation and Meals: ANTI-VeC will cover the cost of accommodation and all meals during the meeting at the Mnarani Club, Kilifi. This will be arranged for all accepted presenters (regardless of whether a travel bursary is applied for or not) and details will be confirmed to presenters prior to the meeting.

3. Eligibility for Travel Bursary Funding

ANTI-VeC network members including:

- **Registered PhD students in DAC-list countries only**
- **All other postdoctoral level staff at any level based in the UK or DAC-list countries**

Non-UK/Non-DAC-list country-based members are **not** eligible to apply for a travel bursary.

Applicants must apply to become a network member if not already one. Membership is open to all those with an interest in the field and the network is free-of-charge to join via the ANTI-VeC website: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/antivec/join/>

These travel bursaries are only available to researchers based for work in the UK or DAC-list countries. Please refer to the DAC list of ODA recipient countries for information: <https://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>

Travel bursary applications received from eligible candidates will only be taken forward for consideration if the abstract has been accepted.

Value of grant: up to a maximum of £1,500 is available to fund each bursary and will be for actual costs incurred. Any underspend will be retained by ANTI-VeC.

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
<p>The following costs can be requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel costs (flight, trains, other) • Visa cost • Travel Insurance • Vaccination costs • COVID tests (if applicable) 	<p>The following costs are excluded from funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsistence costs in transit • Gifts • Souvenirs • Luggage wrapping • Passport photos

Travel should be booked in advance where possible to ensure it is most cost-effective. **Itemised receipts should be retained and will be required to process expenses claims.**

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Any questions for clarification about eligibility should be directed to the Network Manager, Michelle Connolly, at: Michelle.Connolly@glasgow.ac.uk

4. Application Process

This is a call for applications from UK or DAC-list country-based researchers for abstracts and travel bursaries (if required) to present their work at this meeting. Information will be advertised on the ANTI-VeC website, by emails to network members, and through other relevant channels to ensure wide dissemination of these opportunities.

All Applicants should complete the Section 1 of the application form, and only those applicants requiring funding to attend should complete Section 2.

The application form is available on the ANTI-VeC website and must be submitted in PDF format to **Michelle Connolly** at anti-vec-network@glasgow.ac.uk

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged within 2 working days. Outcome notifications will be sent by email by 9th December 2022.

The following information will be required to complete the application form:

Section 1 – All applicants

1. **Applicant Details**
2. **Recent Publications** (Please include up to 5 recent publications)
3. **Title of research that will be presented**
4. **Abstract of research that will be presented** (maximum 300 words)
5. **Preferred format** (Please indicate talk, poster, or either talk/poster)
6. **Funding** (Please indicate whether you require funding in order to attend)

Section 2 – Only applicants requiring funding to attend

1. **ANTI-VeC Funding** (Please indicate/detail if you have received any funding to date from the ANTI-VeC Network)
2. **Budget Requested**
3. **Justification of Resources** (maximum 250 words). The budget requested must be fully justified. Please note that there may be a challenge process on value for money, which may result in the actual funding offered being less than the amount requested.

The closing date for applications is:

25th November 2022. 17:00 GMT

5. Review Process

All applications received in the funding round will be initially assessed on the fit to aims and scope before evaluation by the ANTI-VeC Network Meeting Organising Committee. Applications which meet the fit to aims and scope will be taken forward for competitive assessment. Where there is a conflict of interest with any applicants submitting applications, committee members will not review that particular application.

Examples of a conflict of interest include:

- Employed by the same institution as the applicant(s)
- Actively involved in research collaborations with the applicants(s)
- Working closely with the applicant(s), for example as a co-author or PhD Supervisor, or has worked closely in the last 4 years
- Holding a current position on the governing body of or an honorary position within the institution(s) of the applicant(s)
- In receipt of personal remuneration in excess of £5,000 per annum from the applicant's organisation
- Personal/family relationship with the applicant(s)

6. Assessment Criteria

Members of the ANTI-VeC Network Meeting Organising Committee will assess applications according to:

- Applicant meets the stated eligibility criteria
- Fit with the ANTI-VeC remit
- Value for money (in case of bursary application)

The budget requested must be fully justified. Please note that there may be a challenge process on value for money, which may result in the actual funding offered being less than the full amount requested.

Priority will be given to those applicants who have not previously received ANTI-VeC funding for travel bursaries.

7. Notification of Review Results

Successful applicants will be notified of their talk/poster acceptance, confirming the funds available (if bursary requested) by 9th December 2022. Funding awarded must be used to support attendance and presentation of scientific work at the ANTI-VeC Network Meeting.

Notifications to unsuccessful applicants will also be sent by the Network Manager, along with specific feedback if available.

8. Post Award Administration (for those awarded travel bursaries)

The University of Glasgow will issue an award letter confirming the funding awarded.

Awardees are expected to acknowledge receipt of the bursary by 'accepting' or 'declining' within 5 working days.

8.1 Reimbursement Guidance

- Up to maximum £1,500 is available to fund each travel bursary and will be for actual costs incurred. Any underspend will be retained by ANTI-VeC.
- Reimbursement of costs will be processed after the meeting. No payments will be provided before the meeting is held, and payment is conditional on full attendance and presentation of scientific work at the event for which the bursary was granted.
- All expenses must relate exclusively to you and your attendance at the ANTI-VeC meeting for which the award was issued.
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- Please keep receipts for all your expenses. Claims must be supported by **original receipts** (credit card or bank statements will not be accepted).
- Payments will be made in GBP.
- Payment of per diems will not be accepted. All expenditure to be claimed must be receipted.
- Any expense deemed excessive or unreasonable by the ANTI-VeC Team will not be paid.

Payment is made in arrears, and can be made in two ways:

1. **If your organisation paid the costs:** please contact ANTI-VeC (anti-vec-network@glasgow.ac.uk) to check what is required for your organisation to be reimbursed.
2. **If you personally paid the costs:** a detailed expense claim (claim form to be supplied by ANTI-VeC), bank account confirmation and expenses breakdown of costs incurred with receipts should be submitted. Costs will be reimbursed to the bank account stated on the form. Claimants will need to send hard copies of the:

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- a. Sundry Foreign Payment Form;
 - b. Bank Account Confirmation (From your bank);
 - c. Expenses Breakdown;
 - d. Original itemised receipts.

Claim documents will be emailed to recipients and made available on the website.

Claims should be sent to anti-vec-network@glasgow.ac.uk

9. Publicity and Data Protection

A brief summary of successful applicants will be listed on the ANTI-VeC website and in other publicity. Talks and poster titles will be listed in the meeting handbook provided to delegates.

10. Contact

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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