

TO: CDC Administrator

FROM: Angel Pineda, GRAID Secretary

RE: GRAID: FIFTH ROUND OF FUNDING (Year 1)

DATE: June 15, 2021

The GRAID committee voted to fund five groups (for up to 3500 USD each) for the fifth round of funding. Two of the groups which received funding (Cameroon and Nepal) had received support for one student last year and applied to receive support for a second student. In both cases, they split their support to support multiple students. In this request, we only include the new students in those groups. The students who are being funded in their second year will receive the support after we receive the first year reports.

In this call, the FIMU Board allowed us to request support for a sixth female student. That request has been filed. If approved, that student will be funded along with the students who are continuing their support. A separate request will be filed once the annual reports are completed.

1. The first group is from Nepal with PI Kedar Uprety and IP Naveen Vaidya (USA) supporting two PhD additional students Khagendra Adhikari (male, email: khadhikari51@gmail.com) and Ramesh Gautam (male, email: rgnumberth79@gmail.com).

Budget (the expenses for 2 students will be divided equally between three students)

Tuition:	150 USD x 2/3 = 100 USD
Rent:	1550 USD x 2/3 = 1033 USD
Living Expenses:	1800 USD x 2/3 = 1200 USD

Total:	3500 USD x 2/3 = 2333 USD
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Funding for each PhD student (2333 USD) is expected to continue for up to three more years depending on satisfactory progress.

2. The second group is from Cameroon with PI Gideon Ngwa and IP Miranda Teboh-Ewungkem (USA) supporting one additional student PhD student Njongwe James Agheyih (male, email: njongwejames@gmail.com)

Budget

Tuition and Fees	157.5 USD
Housing	1055.25 USD
Living Expenses	1055.25 USD
Other (Specify)	
(Health , travel, internet, stationary, conferences)	882 USD
Total:	3,150 USD

Funding for the PhD student is expected to continue for up to three more years depending on satisfactory progress.

3. The third group is from Congo with PI Basile Bossoto and IP Christian Marie (France) supporting one PhD student Roslan Ibara Ngiza Mfumumu (male, email: roslancello7@gmail.com)

Budget

Tuition and Fees	0 USD
Housing	1500 USD
Living Expenses	2000 USD
Other (Specify)	
(Health , travel, internet, stationary, conferences)	0 USD
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Total:	3,500 USD

Funding for the PhD student is expected to continue for up to three more years depending on satisfactory progress.

4. The fourth group is from the Philippines with PI Aurelio de los Reyes and IP Stacey Smith? (Canada) supporting one MS student Marvin Jay H. Quiapo (male, email: mhquiapo@up.edu.ph)

Budget

Tuition and Fees	292 USD
Housing	750 USD
Living Expenses	2083 USD
Other (Specify)	
(Transportation)	375 USD
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Total:	3,500 USD

Funding for the MS student is expected to continue for up to one more year depending on satisfactory progress.

5. The fifth group is from Ghana with PI Jefferey Ezearn and IP Ihechukwu Chinyere (UK) supporting one MS student Charles Kokoroko (male, email: ckokoroko616@gmail.com)

Budget

Tuition and Fees	1000 USD
Housing	800 USD
Living Expenses	1200 USD
Other (Specify)	
(research-related expenses, e.g. publication)	500 USD
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Total:	3,500 USD

Funding for the MS student is expected to continue for up to one more year depending on satisfactory progress.

Please contact the AMS and request that funds be dispersed accordingly. Don McClure and other AMS representatives have the credentials to access the student information, including the necessary financial information.

To: CDC Administrator

From: Angel Pineda, GRAID Secretary

Re: GRAID continuing funding (Round 2, Round 3, Round 4) and New Student in Round 5.

Date: September 10, 2021

Round 1, Support Completed.

The remaining group with GRAID support from the first round has two students Ph.D. students (Keumo Nguekeng Adriel Raoul and Defo Hugues Olivier) at the University of Yaounde I in Cameroon (PI, Edgar Tchoundja, IP Brett Wick, USA) who have submitted the papers related to their dissertation. One of the papers is accepted and the other under review. The students are in the final stage of completing their dissertations. After four years of funding (the maximum typically allowed by GRAID) and based on the yearly report the GRAID committee decided that no more support was needed for the students to complete their PhD. The request for an extension was not approved because the students have basically completed their PhD. Support for this group was a success.

Round 2, Year 4

The remaining student being supported by GRAID, Brian Makonzi at Makerere University in Uganda received other support to visit the IP (IP Michael Wemyss, UK). The GRAID committee voted to support Brian for the time that he was in Uganda which is approximately half a year.

The support for Brian Makonzi (male, PhD, email: mckonzi@gmail.com) is USD 1,750.00

Round 3, Year 3

In this cohort, two groups were supported, one from Burkina Faso and one Pakistan. The group from Burkina Faso, PI Idrissa Kabore and IP Nicolas Bedaride (France), requested support for another student after the first student did not continue for the PhD. The GRAID committee decided that the group should apply in the next open call so that their request could be considered along with new requests of support.

The group from Pakistan with PI Sarfraz Ahmad and IP Volkmar Welker (Germany) has one PhD Student, Hafiz Muhammad still working on his degree (after graduating two master's students). The GRAID committee decided to continue support for the PhD student:

Budget for PhD Student (Hafiz Muhammad Bilal)

Living: USD 2100

Housing: USD 525

PhD Fees: USD 851

Total: 3,476 USD

The support for Hafiz Muhammad Bilal (male, PhD, email: hafizbilal331@gmail.com) is USD 3,476.00

Round 4, Year 2

GRAID supported one student in each of four groups for the fourth round of funding (Benin, Nepal, Ivory Coast and Cameroon). Of those four groups, Nepal and Cameroon received support for one extra student in Round 5 of funding. Here we only include the support for the students that were funded in round 4. The student supported in Benin received support to visit the PI for half a year and the student supported in Ivory Coast did not continue his studies, in part, because of COVID-19. This is the resulting support from Round 4 for this year:

1. The group from Benin with PI Romain Glèlè Kakai and IP Calistus Ngonghala (USA) supporting the PhD student Beaugard Taboe for half a year.

The support for Beaugard Taboe (male, PhD, email: h.taboe@gmail.com) is 1,750 USD.

2. The group from Nepal with PI Kedar Uprety and IP Naveen Vaidya (USA) supporting one PhD Student, Anjana Pokharel. The two awards given to the group is being split equally between the three students, so the support for Anjana is:

The support for Anjana Pokharel (female, PhD, email: anjanapokharel11@gmail.com) is 2,333 USD.

3. The group from the Ivory Coast with PI Modeste Nzi and IP Etienne Pardoux (France) supported one PhD Student, Fulbert Vonopou. Fullbert did not continue his studies, in part due to COVID-19. The GRAID committee decided that the group should apply in the next open call so that their request could be considered along with new requests of support.
4. The group from Cameroon with PI Gideon Ngwa and IP Miranda Teboh-Ewungkem (USA) supporting two students from Round 2:

Markdonal Ghakanyuy Bime (male, PhD, email: bmarkdonal@gmail.com, total: 2450 USD)

Budget

Tuition and Fees:	122.5 USD
Housing:	820.75 USD
Living Expenses:	820.75 USD
Other:	
(Health , travel, internet, stationary, conferences):	686 USD
Total for Bime:	2,450 USD

Girma Mesfin Selleke (male, MS, email: zelleke.girma@aims-cameroon.org, total: 1400 USD)

Budget

Tuition and Fees:	1400 USD
Housing:	0 USD
Living Expenses:	0 USD
Other:	
(Health , travel, internet, stationary, conferences):	0 USD
Total for Bime:	1,400 USD

Round 5 Year 1

The GRAID committee requested support for one more student for Round 5 for an additional student (Eunice Abena Lettu) from the application by Ghana, PI Jefferey Ezeam (Ghana) and IP Ihechukwu Chinyere (UK). The application was approved.

Budget:

Tuition and Fees:	1,000	USD
Housing:	800	USD
Living Expenses:	1,200	USD
Other (specify):	500	USD (for research-related expenses, e.g. publication)
Total:	3,500	USD

The support for Eunice Abena Lettu (female, PhD, email: eunicemaabenayayra@gmail.com) is 3,500 USD.

Out of the students in the request, Eunice is the only one who has not given her banking information to the AMS. All the other students have already received funds from GRAID.

Please contact the AMS and request that funds be dispersed accordingly. Don McClure (FIMU treasurer) and other AMS representatives have the credentials to access the student information, including the necessary financial information as these students have been previously funded.