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Merck Foundation Africa Research Summit - MARS Awards 2023

Empowering Women and Youth in STEM

South-South Collaboration



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline: 30th June 2023

MARS Merck Foundation
AFRICA RESEARCH SUMMIT
Empowering Researchers FROM AFRICA FOR AFRICA
Empowering Women and Youth in Research From Africa For Africa

Merck Foundation Africa Research Summit - MARS aims to contribute to building research capacity in the African Research Community. This year, a special focus will be on **"The Role of Scientific Research in Women Health and Reproductive Care"**.

Merck Foundation Africa Research Summit - MARS 2023 will have scientific support from African Union Scientific-Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC); Infectious Diseases Institute, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University, Uganda; Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI); African Reproductive Care Society (ARCS), International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS); and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

The Summit opens a discussion with Ministries of Health, Education, Information, Science and Technology and Gender from across Africa, to define policies with the aim to empower women and youth in STEM and to address the vital role of research in the improvement and sustainable development of healthcare system. with a specific emphasis on how to translate knowledge into action - the 'know-do gap' - to improve health and make an impact on society.

The aim of **Merck Foundation African Research Summit - MARS Awards** is to empower African young researchers & women researchers, advancing their research capacity and promote their contribution to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The winners of MARS Awards are recognized under two categories; **"Best Young African Researcher"** and **"Best African Woman Researcher"**.

The summit will be a unique opportunity for the winners of a **MARS Research Awards** to share their research output and findings. It is also an opportunity for networking and career development.

Abstract Submission Details

- Abstracts are invited from final year PhD students, young investigators involved in research and Medical Doctors in Postgraduate Medical Fellowship program related to either of the following topics:

- Women Health
- Infertility and Reproductive Care

All applicants should be primarily based at African Research Institutes and Universities, although collaboration within Africa as well as outside is also welcome.

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Scan the QR code to apply online

www.merck-foundation.com

OR submit your application and abstract to Mars@merck-foundation.com

MARS 2023 Awards

All Abstracts will be peer reviewed.

Entries are invited under the below categories:

- Best African Women Researchers
- Best Young African Researcher

- The Winners receive a 3 months Research Training scholarship in India
- One Best Abstract winner from each category will get an opportunity to present their abstract at the IFFS World Fertility Congress in Athens.

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