



OFAB KENYA SCIENCE JOURNALISM GRANT 2021

Call for Story Pitches

The Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa (OFAB) Kenya Chapter is glad to announce a call for story pitches for 2021 Science Journalism Grant. The grant seeks to support in-depth covering of media stories on agricultural biotechnology and biosafety in Kenya.

Eligibility



(a) Kenyan journalists

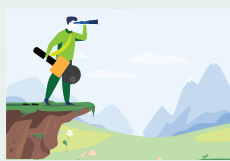


(b) Interest in reporting on agricultural biotechnology and biosafety



(c) Working in a media house with an online presence that will publish your story

Categories for the Grant



(i) In-depth feature stories:

Applicants must go beyond regular reporting to come up with a creative angle/approach or topic of interest in agricultural biotechnology and biosafety;



(ii) Investigative stories: Applicants should concentrate on one topic of choice to uncover new information within the agricultural biotechnology landscape and the impact on the sector;



(iii) New research: Applicants should endeavour to delve into emerging issues within the agricultural biotechnology landscape in Kenya.

How to Participate

Submit a two-page (max) story pitch on an agricultural biotechnology or biosafety issue of choice. The scope should include but not limited to; current agri-biotech research in Kenya, farmers' experiences with Bt cotton, biosafety and the country's biotechnology policy and regulatory landscape, trade and socio-economic implications of commercialized biotech crops, investigative pieces etc.

The story pitch MUST contain;

- Title of the proposed story
- Justification of why the idea should be supported
- Credible sources of information including prospective interviewees
- Timeline for story development and publication (within 2 months)
- Expected impact of publishing the story
- Publishing media platform for your story
- Budget breakdown for expenses and research time

Journalists from all categories (Radio, TV, Print and Online) are strongly encouraged to apply, including women and those working in vernacular stations. Story pitches should be sent as pdf documents to the **OFAB Kenya secretariat** at ofabkenya@gmail.com and copied to **Godfrey Ngure** at gmngure@isaaa.org not later than **10th June 2021**. Story pitches submitted after the deadline will not be assessed. Submissions will be assessed and the grant awarded to the winning concepts.

About OFAB Kenya

The Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa (OFAB) is a partnership project for enhancing knowledge-sharing and awareness on agricultural biotechnology in Africa. OFAB Kenya, managed by the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) in collaboration with ISAAA AfriCenter, facilitates quality engagement on safety and benefits of agricultural biotechnology among stakeholders. Follow us on Twitter @OFABKenya, Facebook @OFABKenya and Instagram @ofabkenya.