

the black women in science network

Hi everyone! This month has been so exciting, with a busy schedule that included celebrating International Women's Day and attending the BWIS Brunch Talks LIVE! event. We end this month highlighting some amazing scholarship opportunities for you and more upcoming dates for our Brunch Talks with BWIS. There is so much in store for you!

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8th of March annually. This is a significant day for all women globally as we recognise and celebrate their role and influence in making our society better. This day reminds us that an equal world is possible for women; that a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination is possible for women. It helps us remember that a world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive is necessary. Of course, we want to say a big thank you to all women of color in the sciences who inspire us with their presence, and determination. Happy International Women's Day and Happy Women's Month! Let's keep shattering stereotypes and creating a more equitable world for all.

First Live Branch Talks LIVE!



Photo credit: University of Cambridge Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry

On Saturday 11th March, we hosted our first ever Brunch Talks LIVE! at the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge. It was an amazing experience having so many wonderful fellow Black women in the sciences fill the room, connect with and uplift each other; it was also inspiring hearing from Dr Bernadine Idowu-Onibokun, a trailblazing Associate Professor at the

University of West London. Thanks to all of you that made it! Be sure to keep an eye out for the next one! Special thanks to the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry for being such gracious hosts.



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BWiS Network Volunteers

BWiS Network is still actively open to growing its [volunteer](#) committee. The Network is advertising for the following positions on the team: Administrator; Events Officer; Outreach and Engagement Officer; Business and Finances Officer; Blog writers; Social Media Manager (Instagram and Twitter); Social Media Manager (LinkedIn); Website designer/Manager. We would look forward to having you on board! Please [complete a short application form](#) to be considered. Contact admin@bwisnetwork.com if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join our team.

Monthly Brunch Talks with BWiS

Brunch Talks with BWiS Network are informal, virtual hour spaces with Black women in science from all walks of life. The talks are currently taking place on the third Saturday of each month at 11 am - 12 pm (UK Time). Keep a reminder on your diaries for our next dates (**15 April, 20 May, 17 June, and 15 July**). You can subscribe to our calendar via this link [BWiS Calendar](#).

Hugs and smiles as we say farewell to Gabrielle

This month we'd like to announce that Gabrielle has taken the decision to step away from her role as Outreach and Engagement Officer for the Network. In her time with us, Gabrielle has voluntarily contributed to several events and outreach activities that many of you have enjoyed. For that, we are

extremely appreciative and could not be more grateful for the time and energy she has volunteered to the Network. We wish her the best in her future endeavours and the well-deserved successes we have no doubt she will achieve in her future. We are sure you will all join us in wishing her the best.

The York Graduate Research School (YGRS) PhD Scholarships

The [University of York](#) is offering 6 fully funded PhD scholarships for UK candidates who self-identify as being from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background. This call is for individuals who are specifically interested in the field of experimental biophysics, research into Alzheimer's disease and/or the development of dementia diagnostics. For more information on this scholarship contact Dr Steven Quinn via email at steven.quinn@york.ac.uk. The deadline for applications is 31st March 2023.

Durham University PhD Scholarships

The Durham University has opened a call for 4 fully funded Doctoral Research Studentship applications for UK-HOME candidates from racially minoritised backgrounds, specifically: Asian or Asian British, Black, Black British, Caribbean or African Mixed or multiple ethnic groups. For more information on the research topics and eligibility and how to apply visit the Durham University [website](#). Good luck to everyone who will be applying!

Sanger Excellence Fellowship

Applications for the 2023 [Sanger Excellence Fellowship](#) are now open, with up to 5 positions available. Following the success of the Excellence Fellowship in 2022, the Fellowship is now launching for the second year. The Sanger Excellence Fellowship is a three year, fully funded fellowship aimed at scientists from Black-heritage backgrounds. The Fellowship exists to enable Black early career researchers to train and develop their portfolio of research experience. All the best to those who have applied and who will be applying. Visit their website for more information and submit your application of interest as soon as you can.

The Bioscience Resource Project

[Biosciences](#) play a pivotal role in understanding life on earth from the molecular level to whole populations and ecosystems. This engagement project is an exciting and rapidly evolving area of research (climate change, biodiversity), which aims to explore and understand perceptions towards this subject area and how to engage and support more people into this field, especially mature students, women and underrepresented groups. Those who wish to engage more on this project should reach out to Dr Chinedu Agwu via chinedu_agwu@yahoo.co.uk. The deadline is the 10th of April 2023.

Have a great month!
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