



# The Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Faculty Fellowship Programme at Oxford

Call for applications

2026

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Schmidt AI in Science Faculty Fellowship Programme, in collaboration with the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) and the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development (OICSD), proudly introduces our fellowship programme for early career faculty. This initiative is funded by Schmidt Sciences and seeks to use artificial intelligence (AI) to advance scientific progress.

This opportunity provides a highly generous funding package, including a £45k stipend during your Oxford year, up to £10k per year for research consumables, computing equipment, and substantial travel and accommodation support.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a Citizen and a Resident of a country in either Africa or India
- Be currently employed at a university or an academic institute in either Africa or India, working at either Assistant or Associate Professor level (or equivalent)
- Be working in one (or more) of the following three priority application areas:
  - Climate change, environment and biodiversity
  - Food and water security
  - STEM underpinning biomedical research
- Have a promising research idea of how AI can advance progress in a research area corresponding to one or more of the above three themes
- Be within the first six years of your current faculty appointment

**Applications are open until 23 February 2026 at 12noon GMT**

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