

the black women in science network

Hello BWIS Network members! As October draws to a close, we find ourselves nearing the end of another year. Time has a way of racing by, and end-of-year fatigue might be creeping in. However, don't worry, as there's still time to make the most of 2023 and look forward to exciting opportunities in 2024.

In this month's newsletter, we're excited to share the fantastic opportunities and achievements within our network. Happy reading!

Monthly Brunch Chats: Inspiring Black Women in Science

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the BWiS Network community for consistently joining us each month for our "Brunch Talks with BWiS." This series of monthly virtual discussions celebrates the extraordinary journeys of Black women in science. These talks take place on every third Saturday of the month, from 11 am to 12 pm (UK Time). As the year ends, we invite you to mark your calendars for the last two Brunch Talks with BWiS of the year, scheduled for November 18th and December 16th.

Stay well-informed about our future events by subscribing to the BWiS [Calendar](#), as we'll be updating the dates for the new Brunch Talks with BWiS in 2024. Your ongoing support and participation are deeply appreciated.

Celebrating You 2023: An Evening of Saluting Our Sisters

A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us at the Celebrating You event on October 19, 2023, at RIBA, 66 Portland Place. With the invaluable support of The Academy of Medical Sciences, it became an extraordinary celebration during this year's Black History Month. Saluting Our Sisters is a practice close to our hearts, one that has shaped the very essence of our network from the beginning. We found great empowerment in recognizing the achievements of everyone in the room and encouraging one another. Your presence transformed that evening into something truly remarkable, and we're committed to creating such spaces for our community. Our deepest gratitude goes to The Academy of Medical Sciences for their unwavering support of the BWiS Network. Stay tuned for exciting updates and upcoming events, as we continue to celebrate and empower our members.

Calling Early-Career African Scientists: Crick Africa Network Fellowship Opportunity

The Crick Africa Network (CAN) in collaboration with LifeArc is excited to offer the African Career Acceleration Fellowships. CAN is actively seeking ambitious early-career African scientists who can demonstrate a strong scientific and leadership potential, a genuine interest in translational science, and a commitment to establishing their research groups while continuing their careers in Africa. The Fellowship scheme is currently open and offers four years of full funding for post-PhD researchers. This unique opportunity is exclusively available to African citizens/permanent residents with a clear intention to further their careers on the African continent. More information can be found [here](#). The application deadline is November 19th. Best of luck to all the prospective applicants!

Exploring the Experiences of Black Autistic Women: Call to Participate

The University College London (UCL) research team is embarking on an innovative project to gain profound insights into the unique experiences of Black autistic women in the United Kingdom. If you identify as a Black woman who was assigned female at birth, holds a formal autism diagnosis from a healthcare professional, has primarily resided in the UK, and is a fluent English speaker without cognitive impairment, we invite you to participate in a 1-1.5 hour interview. As a token of appreciation for your contribution, all participants will receive a £15 Amazon gift card upon completing the interview. Your voice is essential in improving support for Black autistic women in the UK. [Register](#) today or [contact](#) Shereen Everett for further information and to be a part of this meaningful research. Your perspective is invaluable!

**All the best,
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