

# the black women in science network

Hello BWIS community! As April draws to a close, we eagerly anticipate the dawn of a new month, brimming with fresh possibilities and revitalized optimism. In this edition of our newsletter, we delve into exciting opportunities and updates within the Network. We hope you enjoy exploring them as much as we did putting them together. Happy reading!

## Brunch Talks with BWiS: Save the Dates

Thank to those who joined us for our Brunch Talk session this month. Every month we have a great time catching up on how your month has gone and what you're looking forward to in the coming months. Your enthusiasm and willingness to connect with the community means the world to us. Be sure to save the dates for the next three sessions:

- May 18th,
- June 15th,
- July 20<sup>th</sup>.

For those who have not attended before, Brunch Talks with BWiS is not an event; it is a virtual safe space where our community comes together to connect and uplift each other. We're eagerly looking forward to having you with us! If you are not a member, you must [sign up now](#) to get further information on how to join Brunch Talks with BWiS.

## Podcast Updates: Unveiling the Depths of Agriculture and Plant Science.

This month we commemorated Earth Month on our podcast, exploring the UK Agricultural Industry with enlightening discussions featuring [Bushra Schuitemaker](#). Additionally, we provided insightful introductions to the captivating world of Plant Science, featuring the expertise of [Dr. Nicola Patron and Dr. Mikhaela Neequaye](#). As we continue our journey, we remain eager to hear from our listeners. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape the future of our podcast. Please take a moment to share your thoughts with us through this [feedback form](#). Looking ahead to May, we have an exciting line up of episodes in store, including a special feature from one of our esteemed committee members. Stay tuned for more engaging content!

## Empowering Black British Scholars: SLS Scholarship Program 2024-25

The School of Life Sciences (SLS) has launched a scholarship program to address the under-representation of Black British students in postgraduate studies in the UK. Valued at around £80,000 annually, this initiative aims to foster diversity in research and create a more inclusive environment for future scholars. The program offers two scholarships per year, covering stipends, research budgets, and tuition fees. Successful recipients will benefit from extensive training, development opportunities, and social activities. Applications for the 2024-25

scholarships are [now open](#), welcoming aspiring Black and mixed Black heritage British researchers to apply.

### **Empowering Diversity in Diabetes Research: New Funding Opportunities**

Diabetes UK, a leading advocate for diabetes care and research, is actively combatting disparities in the field. Following revelations of significant inequalities, particularly the underrepresentation of Black ethnic groups in diabetes research, the organisation is launching two ground-breaking funding schemes. These initiatives are specifically designed to empower students from Black Heritage backgrounds. For more information, please [contact Dr. Chandrabala Shah](#).

Be sure to follow us on social media ([Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)) to be kept up to date on what we have going on.

**Have a great month,  
Black Women in Science Network**