



African Researchers' Initiative
Stimulating research in deafblindness in Africa
Call for Abstracts

African Researchers' Initiative (ARI) is an initiative of Deafblind International (Dbi). The overall objective of ARI is to lay a strong foundation for knowledge-based services for people who are Deafblind in Africa by stimulating and supporting African research on deafblindness. ARI's specific objective is building a network of African researchers and supporting ten outstanding research projects to be finished by summer 2021 and ready to be presented at the very 1st African Dbi Conference on Deafblindness in fall 2021 in Kenya.

ARI invites all interested researchers and practitioners in the field of Deafblindness to submit abstracts on topics of their interest in the field of Deafblindness including action research of practitioners in the field. Ten abstracts will be selected from the entries and those selected will be provided with a research grant of 500 Euros each. The researchers who submit their research in due time will be further sponsored with an additional 700 Euros to present their research at the 1st African Dbi Conference on Deafblindness scheduled to be held in Nairobi, Kenya in fall 2021. Selected researchers can count on coaching support by the ARI Research Advisory Committee in the implementation of their research projects and their presentation at the conference.

There are also other incentives such as getting in touch with Dbi's Research Network or any other Dbi Network that might be interesting to the winner. Membership in one of Dbi's Networks provides the opportunity to get to know, exchange and collaborate with practitioners and renowned researchers in the field and to get information on conferences relevant to deafblindness around the world including the next Dbi World Conference scheduled to be held in Canada in 2023.

Guidelines for submission

- 250 words maximum for abstracts
- Abstracts should include brief description of objectives, research settings, methodologies etc
- Abstracts should be submitted in MS word format

Important dates

- Abstract due.....28th February 2020
- Notification of acceptance30th April, 2020

❖ **Submit your abstract to ARI coordinator at pawlos.kassu@aau.edu.et**