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# **Appendix**

Table 3 Sample size per country

Name of Country	Number of respondents <sup>a</sup>	Name of Country	Number of respondents <sup>a</sup>
South Africa	1,721	Burkina Faso	64
Nigeria	660	Côte d'Ivoire	61
Algeria	286	Botswana	60
Tunisia	275	Senegal	57
Kenya	186	Benin	45
Morocco	170	Malawi	37
Egypt	149	Congo	24
Ethiopia	143	Togo	20
Uganda	133	Madagascar	18
Cameroon	123	Niger	16
Ghana	117	Mali	15
Zambia	91	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14
Zimbabwe	88	Gabon	10
Tanzania	78	Central African Republic, Guinea, Burundi, Seychelles, and Chadb	15
Total		•	4,676

Note: <sup>a</sup> The number of respondents by country is provided in appendix 1 (pp. 184-185) of the published book: The next Generation of Scientists in Africa: <a href="https://www.africanminds.co.za/the-next-">https://www.africanminds.co.za/the-next-</a> generation-of-scientists/.

b For confidentiality reasons, and to respect the ethics certificate of this project, data where the number of respondents is less than 10 cannot be disclosed.

## Table 4 Variable description

Variable	Type	Description	Survey questions <sup>c</sup>
Dependent variable			
Number of articles	Continuous	Natural logarithm of the number of articles published/accepted (including co-authored) in refereed or peer-reviewed academic journals	"Please indicate how many of the following research output types you have produced over the last three years: articles published/accepted (including co-authored) in refereed or peer-reviewed academic journals"
Independent variables			
Main care & housework	Dummy	1 1	First: "How is the care-work for all dependents distributed in your family or relationship? (in percentage) []% me []% partner []% others (e.g. extended family, paid service)"  Second: "How is general housework distributed in your family or relationship? (in percentage) []% me []% partner []% others (e.g. paid service)"
Early-career researcher	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent is an early-career researcher ( $\leq 40$ years of age), and 0 otherwise	
Mid-career researcher	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent is a mid-career researcher ( $< 40$ and $\ge 50$ years of age), and 0 otherwise	"What is your year of birth?"
Late-career researcher (reference category)	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent is a late-career researcher (< 50 years of age), and 0 otherwise	
Teaching hours	Continuous	Number of working hours spent on undergraduate and postgraduate	First #0
Supervising hours		teaching	First "On average, how many hours do you spend on your main job per week?" Combined with second "In a typical year, what percentage of your working time do you spend on each of the following tasks?"

Variable	Type	Description	Survey questions <sup>c</sup>
Research hours	Continuous <sup>a</sup>	Number of working hours spent on research	
Admin hours	Continuousa	Number of working hours spent on administration and management	
Service hours	Continuous <sup>a</sup>	Number of working hours spent on service (counselling of patients,	
		voluntary services within or outside the organisation, article review,	
		editorial duties)	
Consultation hours	Continuous <sup>a</sup>		
Fundraising hours	Continuousa	Number of working hours spent on raising funds/grants for research	
Funding	Continuous	Total amount of research funding received during the past three years	"Which amount best correspond to the total amount of research funding you have received during the past three years?"
Study-related mobility	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent obtained his/her highest degree from an	"Did you complete all aspects of your doctoral (or equivalent) education in what
		institution in a country other than the country of his/her home country, and 0 otherwise	you would consider to be your home country?"
Work-related mobility	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent has worked in a country other than what he/she would consider his/her home country (i.e. abroad), and 0 otherwise	"During the past five years, have you lived or worked in a country other than wha you would consider your home country?"
Collaboration with	Dummy <sup>b</sup>	Takes the value 1 if the respondent has collaborated often (4) or very	you would consider your nome country:
own inst./country	Dummy	often/always (5) with researchers from his/her own institution, and 0	
own misus country		otherwise	
Collaboration with	Dummy <sup>b</sup>	Takes the value 1 if the respondent has collaborated often (4) or very	
own country		often/always (5) with researchers from his/her own country, and 0	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		otherwise	"How often during your career so far have you collaborated in joint research
Collaboration	Dummy <sup>b</sup>	Takes the value 1 if the respondent has collaborated often (4) or very	projects with the following groups of researchers?"
within Africa		often/always (5) with researchers from institutions in other African	
		countries, and 0 otherwise	
Collaboration	Dummy <sup>b</sup>	Takes the value 1 if the respondent has collaborated often (4) or very	
outside Africa		often/always (5) with researchers institutions outside of Africa (e.g. Europe,	
		North America, Asia, etc.), and 0 otherwise	
Moderating variable	1_		
Woman	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent is a woman, and 0 otherwise	"Are you: [] Male [] Female?"
Control variables	1_		
South Africa	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent's country of work is South Africa, and 0 otherwise	"In which country do you currently work / reside?"
STEM fields	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent's research discipline is in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, and 0 otherwise	
Health fields	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent's research discipline is in the Health Science fields, and 0 otherwise	"In which field did you obtain your highest qualification?"
SSH fields	Dummy	Takes the value 1 if the respondent's research discipline is in the Social Sciences and Humanities fields, and 0 otherwise	

Note:

a The number of hours was calculated by multiplying the total number of hours reported by the respondent and the corresponding proportion of their time devoted to a particular academic task.

b 5-point Likert scales (1 = Never or very rarely, 2 = Rarely, 3 = Sometimes, 4 = Often, 5 = Very often/always) transformed into dummy variables.

c A slightly modified version of the questionnaire used for this study is provided in appendix 2 of the published book: The next Generation of Scientists in Africa:

https://www.africanminds.co.za/the-next-generation-of-scientists/.



**Table 5 Descriptive statistics** 

		All			M	en	Wo	men	Diff.
Variables	Mean	Std. Dev.	min	max	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.	р
Dependent variable									
Number of articles	8.3488	(6.6592)	0	21	8.8994	(6.7961)	7.1065	(6.1634)	***
Independent variables									
Age <sup>a</sup>	46.1642	(10.1235)	23	75	46.6401	(10.2612)	45.0905	(9.7241)	
Early-career researcher	0.3317	(0.4709)	0	1	0.3139	(0.4641)	0.3719	(0.4835)	***
Mid-career researcher	0.3518	(0.4776)	0	1	0.3556	(0.4788)	0.3433	(0.4750)	
Late-career researcher	0.3165	(0.4652)	0	1	0.3306	(0.4705)	0.2848	(0.4515)	***
Proportion of care- & housework a	43.6276	(26.5533)	0	100	37.4565	(24.6117)	57.5513	(25.4914)	***
Main care & housework	0.4279	(0.4948)	0	1	0.3164	(0.4651)	0.6797	(0.4668)	***
Teaching hours	7.8602	(8.4573)	0	69.7	8.1059	(8.6217)	7.3057	(8.0496)	***
Supervising hours	5.7495	(5.8676)	0	50.0	5.4726	(5.5534)	6.3743	(6.4797)	***
Research hours	10.5896	(10.2197)	0	90.0	10.4045	(9.9809)	11.0071	(10.7309)	*
Admin hours	5.7383	(7.7908)	0	68.8	5.3547	(7.6133)	6.6038	(8.1135)	***
Service hours	2.6186	(4.6384)	0	80.0	2.4549	(4.4431)	2.9878	(5.0335)	***
Consultation hours	1.8720	(4.8592)	0	100.0	2.0049	(4.9406)	1.5722	(4.6581)	***
Fundraising hours	1.7458	(2.9381)	0	33.3	1.7001	(2.9201)	1.8488	(2.9768)	
Funding	82,489	(208226)	0	1,000,000	80,634	(207475)	86,675	(209921)	
Study-related mobility	0.3606	(0.4802)	0	1	0.4012	(0.4902)	0.2688	(0.4435)	***
Work-related mobility	0.3349	(0.4720)	0	1	0.3654	(0.4816)	0.2660	(0.4420)	***
Collaboration with own inst.	0.6097	(0.4879)	0	1	0.6244	(0.4844)	0.5766	(0.4943)	***
Collaboration with own country	0.3516	(0.4775)	0	1	0.3627	(0.4808)	0.3266	(0.4691)	**
Collaboration within Africa	0.1518	(0.3589)	0	1	0.1660	(0.3722)	0.1198	(0.3248)	***
Collaboration outside Africa	0.3749	(0.4841)	0	1	0.3830	(0.4862)	0.3565	(0.4791)	*
Moderating variable									
Woman	0.3071	(0.4613)	0	1					
Independent variables									
South Africa	0.3482	(0.4764)	0	1	0.2728	(0.4455)	0.5181	(0.4998)	***
STEM fields	0.5357	(0.4988)	0	1	0.5762	(0.4942)	0.4443	(0.4971)	***
Health fields	0.2254	(0.4179)	0	1	0.2108	(0.4079)	0.2584	(0.4379)	***
SSH fields	0.2389	(0.4264)	0	1	0.2130	(0.4095)	0.2974	(0.4573)	***

Note: N<sub>total</sub> = 4,676 observations; N<sub>men</sub> = 3,240 observations; N<sub>women</sub> = 1,436 observations.

\*\*\*\*, \*\*\* represent significance at the 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 levels.

a Age and the Proportion of care- & housework were transformed into dummy variables prior to being used in the regression analysis.



**Table 6 Correlation table** 

Variables		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Number of articles <sup>a</sup>	1	1											
Woman	2	-0.1257 *	1										
Age <sup>b</sup>	3	0.1380 *	-0.0706 *	1									
Early-career researcher	4	-0.1620 *	0.0568 *	-0.7408 *	1								
Mid-career researcher	5	0.0838 *	-0.0118	-0.0673 *	-0.5190 *	1							
Late-career researcher	6	0.0779 *	-0.0454 *	0.8190 *	-0.4794 *	-0.5013 *	1						
Main care & housework	7	-0.1063 *	0.3387 *	-0.0808 *	0.0810 *	-0.0398 *	-0.0412 *	1					
Teaching hours a	8	0.0889 *	-0.0513 *	-0.0162	-0.0497 *	0.0623 *	-0.0137	-0.0019	1				
Supervising hours	9	0.2876 *	0.0541 *	0.1578 *	-0.1749 *	0.0642 *	0.1111 *	-0.0186	0.3623 *	1			
Research hours a	10	0.1067 *	0.0159	-0.0866 *	0.0991 *	-0.0410 *	-0.0582 *	0.0268	-0.1163 *	0.1392 *	1		
Admin hours <sup>a</sup>	11	-0.0090	0.0951 *	0.0645 *	-0.0899 *	0.0167	0.0738 *	0.0186	-0.0424 *	0.1356 *	0.0706 *	1	
Service hours <sup>a</sup>	12	0.0555 *	0.0593 *	0.0487 *	-0.0516 *	0.0261	0.0254	-0.0100	0.0227	0.1362 *	0.0961 *	0.2123 *	1
Consultation hours a	13	-0.0387 *	-0.0846 *	0.0507 *	-0.0335 *	0.0068	0.0270	-0.0593 *	-0.1107 *	-0.0323 *	-0.0185	0.0391 *	0.1372 *
Fundraising hours <sup>a</sup>	14	0.1851 *	0.0269	-0.0384 *	0.0160	0.0163	-0.0329 *	-0.0219	-0.0896 *	0.1915 *	0.3075 *	0.2432 *	0.1478 *
Funding <sup>a</sup>	15	0.2345 *	0.0357 *	0.1351 *	-0.1222 *	0.0082	0.1153 *	-0.0181	-0.0403 *	0.2041 *	0.2321 *	0.1247 *	0.0095
Study-related mobility	16	0.0376 *	-0.1272 *	0.0285	-0.0371 *	0.0279	0.0090	-0.0770 *	0.0095	-0.0252	0.0020	-0.0684 *	-0.0519 *
Work-related mobility	17	0.0558 *	-0.0972 *	-0.1343 *	0.1180 *	-0.0066	-0.1127 *	-0.0377 *	-0.0169	-0.0257	0.1080 *	-0.0575 *	-0.0009
Collaboration with own inst.	18	0.1770 *	-0.0452 *	-0.0072	-0.0109	0.0147	-0.0041	-0.0567 *	-0.0615 *	0.0782 *	0.1296 *	0.0121	0.0095
Collaboration with own country	19	0.1683 *	-0.0348 *	0.0093	-0.0260	0.0222	0.0035	-0.0367 *	-0.0859 *	0.0371 *	0.0973 *	0.0256	-0.0009
Collaboration within Africa	20	0.1603 *	-0.0595 *	0.0082	-0.0323 *	0.0277	0.0042	-0.0793 *	-0.0882 *	0.0113	0.0769 *	0.0265	-0.0255
Collaboration outside Africa	21	0.1663 *	-0.0252	0.0097	-0.0154	0.0114	0.0039	-0.0251	-0.0966 *	0.0763 *	0.1226 *	-0.0014	-0.0391 *
South Africa	22	-0.0948 *	0.2375 *	0.1229 *	-0.0276	-0.0984 *	0.1291 *	0.1418 *	-0.0773 *	0.1692 *	0.1258 *	0.2880 *	0.1185 *
STEM fields	23	0.0192	-0.1220 *	-0.0653 *	0.0447 *	-0.0155	-0.0294 *	-0.0260	-0.0067	-0.0212	0.0058	-0.1041 *	-0.1810 *
Health fields	24	0.1054 *	0.0525 *	-0.0128	0.0048	0.0270	-0.0326 *	-0.0238	-0.0239	0.0200	-0.0051	0.0397 *	0.2135 *
SSH fields	25	-0.1258 *	0.0913 *	0.0889 *	-0.0570 *	-0.0084	0.0663 *	0.0537 *	0.0313 *	0.0051	-0.0017	0.0828 *	0.0026
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 25
Consultation hours a	13	1											
Fundraising hours <sup>a</sup>	14	0.0700 *	1										
Funding <sup>a</sup>	15	-0.0397 *	0.3939 *	1									
Study-related mobility	16	0.0168	0.0657 *	0.0908 *	1								
Work-related mobility	17	0.0431 *	0.1273 *	0.0703 *	0.1598 *	1							
Collaboration with own inst.	18	-0.0020	0.1461 *	0.1472 *	0.0046	-0.0203	1						
Collaboration with own country	19	0.0230	0.1750 *	0.1399 *	-0.0016	0.0260	0.2411 *	1					
Collaboration within Africa	20	0.0087	0.1765 *	0.1703 *	0.1229 *	0.1366 *	0.1479 *	0.2776 *	1				
Collaboration outside Africa	21	-0.0306 *	0.2015 *	0.2740 *	0.1251 *	0.1525 *	0.0790 *	0.2171 *	0.2632 *	1			
South Africa	22	-0.0147	0.0854 *	0.1649 *	-0.1963 *	-0.1315 *	-0.0595 *	-0.0257	-0.1016 *	0.0080	1		
STEM fields	23	-0.0541 *	0.0332 *	-0.0105	0.0168	-0.0117	0.0577 *	0.0739 *	-0.0040	0.0655 *	-0.1234 *	1	
Health fields	24	0.0464 *	0.0197	0.0045	-0.0288 *	0.0065	0.0749 *	0.0144	0.0313 *	0.0136	-0.0483 *	-0.5795 *	1
SSH fields	25	0.0178	-0.0581 *	0.0079	0.0086	0.0073	-0.1409 *	-0.1005 *	-0.0260	-0.0899 *	0.1917 *	-0.6018 *	-0.3022 * 1

Note: Significance level: \* p<0.05.

All continuous variables were transformed using the natural logarithm: ln(variable + 1);

Age is not used in the regression analysis.



Table 7 Interactive variable coefficient comparison tests (t-tests) - Gender vs Main care and housework

		Wo	men		
		Main care & housework		<u></u>	
	Main care & housework	NO	YES	Main care & housework	
Men	NO	***	***	NO vs YES [Women] *	***
	YES	**	***	NO vs YES [Men]	NS

Notes: \*\*\*, \*\* represent significance at the 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 levels.

#### Table 8 Interactive variable coefficient comparison tests (t-tests) – Gender vs career stage

						Women	
					Early- vs Mid-career	Early- vs Late-career	Mid- vs Late-career
					***	***	*
						Women	
					Early-career	Mid-career	Late-career
	Early- vs Mid-career	***		Early-career	***	NS	*
Men	Early- vs Late-career	***	Men	Mid-career	***	***	**
	Mid- vs Late-career	NS		Late-career	***	***	**

\*\*\*, \*\*, \* represent significance at the 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 levels. Notes:

### Table 9 Interactive variable coefficient comparison tests (t-tests) - Gender vs mobility

a)		Women				
		Study-based mobility				
	Study-based mobility	NO	YES		Study-based mobility	
Men	NO	***	***		NO vs YES [Women]	NS
	YES	***	***		NO vs YES [Men]	*

b)		Women				
		Work-base	ed mobility			
	Work-based mobility	NO	YES		Work-based mobility	
Men	NO	***	**		NO vs YES [Women]	*
	YES	***	***		NO vs YES [Men]	NS

Notes: a) study-related mobility; b) work-related mobility.

\*\*\*, \*\*, \* represent significance at the 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 levels.

### Table 10 Interactive variable coefficient comparison tests (t-tests) - Gender vs Collaboration

a)		Women			
		Collaboration	with own inst.		
	Collaboration with own inst.	NO	YES	Collaboration with own inst.	
Men	NO	***	NS	NO vs YES [Women]	***
	YES	***	***	NO vs YES [Men]	***

b)		Women			
		Collaboration with own country			
	Collaboration with own country	NO	YES	Collaboration with own country	
Men	NO	***	NS	NO vs YES [Women]	***
	YES	***	***	NO vs YES [Men]	***

c)		Women			
		Collaboration	within Africa		
	Collaboration within Africa	NO	YES	Collaboration within Africa	
Men	NO	***	NS	NO vs YES [Women]	***
	YES	***	NS	NO vs YES [Men]	**

d)		Women			
		Collaboration	outside Africa		
	Collaboration outside Africa	NO	YES	Collaboration outside Africa	
Men	NO	***	NS	NO vs YES [Women]	***
	YES	***	***	NO vs YES [Men]	***

Notes: a) with own inst.; b) with own country; c) within Africa; d) outside Africa.

\*\*\*, \*\*, \* represent significance at the 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 levels.