

AFRICAN HUMANITIES PROGRAM

Fellowship competitions in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda
2008-2009

The **American Council of Learned Societies** announces a new program providing support to the humanities in five African countries, funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Applications are invited for the following competitions:

- Dissertation-Completion Fellowships in Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda
- Early-Career Postdoctoral Fellowships for research and writing in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda
- In future years, funding will be available to subsidize the publication of manuscripts completed with fellowships of the African Humanities Program.

Stipends will be \$9,000 for Dissertation-Completion Fellowships and \$16,000 for Early-Career Postdoctoral Fellowships, with cost of living adjustments for each of the five countries. Fellowships are intended to release recipients from teaching and other duties for an academic year to devote full time to research and writing. Fellowship recipients may request an allowance for residence away from the home institution. Approximately 40 fellowships will be awarded in all five countries combined during the first competition year. Applications will be evaluated by an international peer-review committee of distinguished humanities scholars.

Eligibility: Applicants

- Dissertation applicants must be doctoral candidates in their final year of writing the dissertation.
- Postdoctoral candidates must be scholars who have obtained the Ph.D. within the past five years.
- All applicants must be citizens of an African country residing in, and having an institutional affiliation in, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda.

Eligibility: Projects

Projects proposed must be in the humanities, defined by the study of history, language, and culture, and by qualitative approaches. The list of humanities disciplines includes anthropology, studies of the fine and performing arts, history, linguistics, literature studies, studies of religion, and philosophy. Projects in social sciences such as economics, sociology or political science, as well as in law or international relations, are not eligible unless they are clearly humanistic in content and focus.

Selection criteria:

- the intrinsic interest and substantive merit of the work proposed
- the clarity with which the intellectual agenda is presented
- the record of achievement of postdoctoral scholars and the promise of Ph.D. candidates
- the contribution the work is likely to make to scholarship in the region and internationally
- the feasibility of the workplan

The African Humanities Program seeks to promote diversity (in terms of discipline, institution, region, gender, and historical disadvantage) for the sake of excellence in humanities scholarship. Applications are welcome from all eligible scholars in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Deadline for receipt of applications at ACLS: December 1, 2008.

Application forms and instructions are available on the ACLS website at www.acls.org/programs/ahp or may be requested by email: ahp@acls.org.



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