



## American Council of Learned Societies

### African Humanities Program

#### APPROVED RESIDENTIAL SITES 2013-14

**1. The International Institute for Advanced Studies of Cultures, Institutions, and Economic Enterprise (IIAS) in Adenta (near the University of Ghana-Legon)**, was established in 2006 to pursue multi-disciplinary research into African cultures, institutions (legal, social, cultural, political, economic, health), enterprise and everyday life as a platform for institutional reform and the creation of more supple structures to meet new challenges. IIAS is organized around ten core fellows with established careers in history, economics, traditional governance, gender and policy studies, cultural and literary studies, finance, law, public policy, international relations, social psychology, and health. IIAS moved to its new offices at the University of Ghana campus in September 2011. The offices comprise an administrative office and a conference room. Our presence at the University of Ghana campus enables close relations with the University of Ghana, although IIAS is autonomous. IIAS provides housing accommodation at Oyarifa, Adenta, close to the University of Ghana. Wireless Internet is available at the offices, conference and meeting rooms at the Institute, as well as at the residency. Resident fellows, as well as visiting fellows have access to the University of Ghana Balme library, and the departmental libraries. Visiting fellows are introduced to their respective departments, and get the opportunity to participate in academic activities organised by the departments if they so wish. The Institute will affiliate scholars from outside of Ghana in the category of visiting fellows, who might work independently or collaboratively with the Institute's core fellows. The Institute will host a workshop for AHP fellows to present their work to the University of Ghana academic community. See <http://www.interias.com> for more details.

**Housing accommodations** are provided in guest rooms at the conference center in Adenta.

**2. The West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal** is adjacent to both Université Cheikh Anta Diop and the Institut Fondamental de l'Afrique Noire (IFAN), which facilitates discussion with scholars based at both the University and the Institute. WARC is, however, autonomous and is the executive branch and implementing agency of the West African Research Association, funded in part by the Government of Senegal and by grants from the US Department of Education and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, as well as through its membership. WARC is a center for African scholarly exchange that encourages research primarily but not exclusively on the region of West Africa. And although the substantive focus of most research at WARC concerns West Africa, WARC welcomes scholars from all over Africa and elsewhere. Over the years it has grown in terms of influence and continues to connect US-based researchers, students and artists with researchers in the region of West Africa interested in common issues. Senegal is a francophone country, and scholarly activities and public lectures at the Center are carried out in both English and French. WARC promotes scholarly research by providing visiting researchers with a research library (volumes in both French and English), computer facilities and Wi-Fi access, as well as a forum for sharing ideas and research findings. WARC routinely sponsors international colloquia, research programs, and round tables on published research,

lectures and workshops by distinguished visiting and local scholars and writers. Visiting fellows at WARC thus often have opportunities to discuss their work with colleagues from other countries and other regions of Africa. To its affiliated members WARC offers a variety of other services including airport pickup and Housing. For more details on the center's work and on how to become affiliated with WARC, please visit <http://www.warccroa.org>.

**Housing accommodations** are provided either in rooms with families or in an apartment rented by WARC for AHP Fellows.

**3. The Centre for Humanities Research (CHR) of the University of the Western Cape in Belleville, South Africa (near Cape Town)** strives to develop unifying and interdisciplinary themes in the humanities that will enable a renewal of their study in Africa. The CHR enables a scholarly environment for discussion and debate of this overarching theme through weekly seminar series, graduate fellowship discussions, reading groups and peer reviewed publications. The leading fellowship research platform of the CHR is the Programme on the Study of the Humanities in Africa (PSHA). The PSHA brings together masters-, doctoral-, and postdoctoral-level fellows with faculty into a discussion on constructing new directions in humanities research. The Centre currently hosts three research platforms: *Reworking the History and the Theory of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Africa*; *Re-Working Art: Aesthetics and Politics*; and *The Political Subject in the Wake of Apartheid*, which includes research projects on *Transitions and Violence*, *War and the Everyday*, as well as *Law and Constitutionality*. The CHR also hosts the *African Programme in Museums and Heritage Studies* (taught and convened by the History Department). Several international exchanges are also facilitated, particularly with the *Interdisciplinary Centre for the Study of Global Change* at the University of Minnesota and the *Makerere Institute for Social Research* in Kampala, Uganda, and locally with *University of Fort Hare* in the Eastern Cape. The CHR houses the extensive *AMAC and Community Arts Project* collection, consisting of more than three thousand works of art, and is the home of the acclaimed journal *Kronos: Journal of Southern African Histories*. The CHR aims to build new research platforms in the humanities and provide a stimulating environment for post graduate and faculty research initiatives. Please see <http://bit.ly/deDqjH> for more details.

**Housing accommodations** are provided in off-campus apartments rented by CHR for AHP Fellows.

**4. Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa (Eastern Cape)** is a small university that enjoys a far-reaching reputation and high rates of research output. Research, teaching and community engagement seek to be alive to the social and economic challenges of the local, national, African and international contexts. Rhodes seeks to play an active role in promoting inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration within the Eastern Cape Province and also actively endeavors to establish an international culture on its own campus. Rhodes is affiliated with several research institutes and has established many of its own notable research centers, such as the *Institute for Social and Economic Research*, the *Institute for the Study of English in Africa*, and the *Centre for Higher Education, Research, Teaching and Learning*. The library at Rhodes provides access to thousands of print and electronic volumes, as well as to new electronic resources such as the *African Writers Series* and the *World Newspaper Archive: Africa 1800-1922*. The library also administers the *Rhodes eResearch Repository*, an open access institutional repository of the academic and research output from the Rhodes community that includes full-text theses, journal articles and papers from conferences, workshops and other events, and encompasses specialized branches such as the *Cory Library for Historical Research* and the *International Library of African Music (ILAM)*. The Faculty of Humanities is the largest at Rhodes, with 40 percent of total student enrollment, encompassing 11 departments and two schools. Please see <http://www.ru.ac.za/> for more information.

**Housing accommodations** will be provided on or near campus.

**5. The University of Ibadan in Ibadan, Nigeria** is a leading African institution providing a rich academic environment that enables scholars to recognize and respond to societal needs. UI maintains an active academic environment through many means, including the publication of at least 15 academic journals, the organization of local and national conferences and workshops, the Interdisciplinary Research Discourse Series, the inaugural lecture series, and faculty-based lectures. The university is well known for its distinguished scholars and postgraduate academic programs. In addition, UI is home to several research centers, such as the Institute of African Studies, the French Institute for Research in Africa, Institute of Education, and the Yoruba Language Flagship Centre. The Ibadan Cultural Studies Group, a research-based studies association at UI, promotes folklore scholarship and academic excellence. The Ibadan Cultural Heritage Museum provides year-round support for cultural events and performances that promote national and international research, education, and general enlightenment. Besides 24-hour access to electronic journals and databases in the University Library, a special collection of notable African scholarly works are available for use, and the National Archives are located on campus, as well. The Office of International Programmes hosts scholars from a variety of institutions and encourages the exchange of ideas among visitors. The OIP, which hosts AHP Fellows, tailors residential experiences to fit the unique needs of each Fellow and facilitates activities for a productive stay. The OIP also arranges for senior academics to provide mentoring help for interested AHP. For more information about the University of Ibadan, please visit <http://www.ui.edu.ng/>.

**Housing accommodations** are provided on campus in a bungalow reserved for visiting scholars.

**6. The University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania** is the oldest and largest public university in Tanzania, situated in a major urban center. It emphasizes research as one of its core functions and offers scholars valuable resources to aid in research projects. UDSM publishes several academic journals and books per year, and has an extensive library that provides access to both print and electronic information resources. It maintains a collection of more than 400,000 titles and over 2,800 printed journals and a number of electronic journal databases; it also provides services such as inter-library lending, document delivery services, traditional and electronic references services, Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI), Current Awareness Services (CAS). Other services provided by the library include research, publication and consultancy, information literacy and computer training for library users and conference facilities. UDSM admits students from several institutions and countries the world-over through established links and exchange programs, contributing to a vibrant environment for interdisciplinary research. For more information, see <http://www.udsm.ac.tz/>.

**Housing accommodations** are provided in UDSM's Research Flats, which are located on campus, within walking distance to all essential services, including the main library, administrative offices, class rooms, and restaurants.

**7. Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda** offers Fellows the choice between taking up residency in two of its schools: the **School of Languages, Literature, and Communication** and the **School of Women and Gender Studies**. Makerere is Uganda's largest university and one of the oldest in Africa. The University Library also serves as the national reference library and the legal depository of all works published in Uganda. It is also a depository for the the United Nations. Both of the departments available for residence are home to world-class experts in their fields. For further information, please see <http://mak.ac.ug/> for further information.

**Housing accommodations** will be provided on or close to campus.