



## American Council of Learned Societies

### African Humanities Program

#### APPROVED RESIDENTIAL SITES 2017-18

*[Note: some centers offer two two-month periods per semester. Fellows are allowed to request a three-month residency (and to extend it, if conditions permit, at any center.)]*

**1. The International Institute for Advanced Studies of Cultures, Institutions, and Economic Enterprise (IIAS)** in Accra, 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 nine core fellows with established careers in history, economics, traditional governance, human rights, 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 West Legon, very close to the University of Ghana, Legon. 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 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 colloquium for AHP fellows to present their work to the University of Ghana academic community. See <http://www.interias.org.gh/> for more details.

#### Dates:

August 17, 2017 - October 17, 2017 **or** October 5, 2017 - December 15, 2017  
February 1, 2018 - April 1, 2018 **or** April 2, 2018 - June 2, 2018

**Housing accommodations** are provided in a guest house near the Legon campus.

**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>.

**Dates:**

September - December, 2017

January- May, 2018

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

**3. Rhodes University in Grahamstown, (Eastern Cape) South Africa** is a small university that enjoys an international reputation in teaching and research which seek to be alive to the social and economic challenges of the local, national, African and international contexts. Rhodes plays 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 has several affiliated research institutes such as the Institute for Social and Economic Research, the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, the Centre for Higher Education, Research, Teaching and Learning, Unit for the Humanities at Rhodes University (UHURU) and the Neil Aggett Labour Studies Unit. 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. 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 (40 percent of total student enrolment) with 11 departments and two schools incorporating: Languages (English, Afrikaans, Latin, Greek, French, German, IsiXhosa, Mandarin), Arts, (Fine Art, Drama and Music) and Social Studies (Anthropology, Psychology, Media Studies, Sociology, History, Classics, Politics and Philosophy). Please see <http://www.ru.ac.za/> for more information.

**Dates:**

1 July -15 December, 2017

15 January – 30 June, 2018

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

**4. 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/>.

**Dates:**

August to early-October **or** mid-October to mid-December, 2017

January to March **or** March to June, 2018

**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.

**5. The University of Ibadan (UI) in Ibadan, Nigeria**, established in 1948 is a leading African institution with a unique commitment to academic excellence. It began as a College of the University of London, with three foundation faculties namely Arts, Science and Medicine and with 104 foundation students. It became an autonomous university in 1962. Since then, it has grown into a conventional university with a total student population of 26,503 at the end of the 2014/2015 academic session. The university is home to an extremely vibrant humanistic field that has for decades contributed to human and cultural development nationally and globally. The campus also hosts the National Secretariat of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), an autonomous, scholarly and non-political body. The Academy was instituted to promote scholarship at the highest level of the Arts. 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 and seminars. The university is well known for its distinguished scholars and postgraduate academic programs. The institution has an annual average Postgraduate student population of 15,000 and an annual doctoral graduation figure of about 250. A comprehensive citadel of learning with academic programs in thirteen Faculties, UI is home to several research centers, such as the Institute of African Studies, the French Institute for Research in Africa, Institute of Education, the Yoruba Language Flagship Centre, the Centre for General Studies, and the iconic Ibadan School of history. The Ibadan Cultural Studies Group, a research-based studies association at UI, promotes folklore scholarship and academic excellence. The Ibadan Cultural Heritage Museum and the Arts theatre provide 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's Kenneth Dike Library, a special collection of notable African scholarly works are available for use. The National Archives is 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/>.

**Dates:**

August- mid-October **or** mid-October to December, 2017

mid-January – end of March **or** early April – end of May, 2018

**Housing accommodations** are provided on campus in beautiful and comfortable accommodation either reserved for or made available to visiting scholars. Accommodation can also be arranged for the Fellows in rented private facilities within manageable distance to the main campus.

**6. Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda** is the oldest university in the East African region, and one of the oldest on the African continent, founded in 1922. The University Main Library is well stocked with a wide collection of books, periodicals and other reading materials. In 1958, by an Act of Parliament, Makerere

University Library became a Depository Library for all Ugandan Publications. This makes it the richest collection of documents on Uganda. The Africana section, located on the 4th level of the Main Library, has a special collection of materials that include books and periodicals related to East Africa, general Africana books by explorers and travelers, plus books and documents on Uganda. The collection is significant both for research and as the primary depository of Ugandan history. It contains papers, letters, notes, reports, and dairies of events, books of history, travel, church memoranda, registers and journals from individuals, private and official organizations important to the Ugandan heritage. The section also holds important historical documents referring to Kenya and Tanzania during the early years of colonization. The Main Library also has a rich collection of digitized materials that include books, theses and dissertations, peer-reviewed research and conference papers authored by Makerere University researchers as well as significant audio-visual, in addition to providing access to on-line journals and e-books.

There are several other libraries within the university. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, that host the residential centre for AHP fellows, has two libraries particularly suited for research scholars and graduate students; these are Makerere Institute of Social Research based Library mainly for Graduate students and the School of Women and Gender Studies based Library serving both Undergraduate and Graduate students – both contain a rich repository of the latest publications and online reference material.

AHP Fellows are given access to all the libraries at Makerere University, and provided with research carrels at the Main Library where they can do their work. Accommodation is arranged or provided for the Fellows in rented private apartments within manageable distance to the university Main Campus. Please see <http://mak.ac.ug> for further information.

**Dates:**

September-December, 2017

Spring 2018

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

7. The **Centre for African Studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa**, consists of 2 sections (a research and public engagement Centre and the African Studies teaching unit). CAS is home to two research chairs: the National Research Foundation Research Chair in Land Reform and Democracy in South Africa, and the A.C. Jordan Chair in African Studies, both held by Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza who was also elected in 2013 the inaugural President of the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA). CAS has become a site of interdisciplinary excellence and cutting edge award winning socially engaged research, as well as the home of the biggest number of post-doctoral fellows and doctoral students within the Faculty of Humanities. Its African Studies Gallery seats more than 150 people (for film screenings, exhibitions, seminars, conferences, workshops). Its in-house peer reviewed Africanist journal *Social Dynamics* is internationally recognised. The University of Cape Town (UCT) is arguably the oldest university in sub-Saharan Africa. It is situated on the slopes of Table Mountain (Hoerikwaggo) and currently has close to 30,000 students. It is the leading African university in global rankings; ranked within the top 15% of universities in the world and in the top 20 in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). As a leading research and teaching university, UCT is diverse but inclusive and connects people from all over the world through its faculties: Humanities; Health Sciences; Commerce; Engineering and the Built Environment; Law; and Science.

**Dates:** October-December, 2017

April-June, 2018

**Housing accommodation** for visiting scholars is provided in an on-campus Guest House “All Africa House” or nearby Guest Houses.