American Council of Learned Societies
African Humanities Program

Advisers’ Travel Grants for Mentoring
at AHP-Organized Meetings in Sub-Saharan Africa

Application Form

This form can be saved to your personal computer and then filled out.
(Just type in shaded boxes)

Please note that AHP TRAVEL GRANTS FOR MENTORING have clearly defined eligibility criteria. Please read carefully the description and requirements.

AHP Travel Grants for Mentoring support international travel within sub-Saharan Africa to locally-organized workshops and meetings. The grants are intended ONLY for AHP activities such as AHP application workshops, AHP-style manuscript/journal development workshops, or AHP sessions organized by AHP advisers at large conferences to discuss issues relevant to the humanities and to the development of AHP.

The competition is open to eligible assessors who propose to travel outside their home/residence country to a locally-organized AHP workshop or meeting before June 30, 2021.

For example, an AHP adviser from University of Dar es Salaam who wishes to organizes an AHP fellowship-application workshop at UDSM may invite AHP assessors from outside Tanzania, who are eligible for travel grants, to serve as mentors at the workshop. The invited advisors will then apply to AHP for travel grants to attend the workshop by filling out this form and submitting the invitation letter from the meeting organizer.

Information about the 2020-21 AHP fellowship competition can be found on the program’s page. We encourage mentors’ participation in application workshops for this competition.

Eligible AHP meetings

• must be locally-organized for AHP activities: AHP fellowship-application workshops, manuscript/journal development workshops for AHP Fellows and the larger university community, AHP session at a large conference, etc.
• must focus on topics in the humanities
• must be organized in sub-Saharan Africa at universities, other institutions, or AHP residential centers
• must provide active roles for invited mentors and opportunities for their interaction with Fellows or fellowship applicants

An eligible meeting can be part of a larger event, such as a conference, but must be a stand-alone component of that event, with an agenda and defined roles for AHP advisers (and AHP Fellows, if applicable).

Requests for travel grants to attend conferences that do not include a clearly-identified AHP event with a specific role for the adviser will NOT be considered.

Eligible advisers

• must have evaluated AHP applications and submitted scores in two or more competitions
• must have reviewed at least once between 2015-2018
must be invited by the local AHP meeting organizer to participate in clearly identified capacity

Application materials:
1. Application form (please see below)
2. Invitation from AHP meeting organizer describing applicant’s role
3. AHP meeting description, date, location, schedule, rationale, and participants (please include any flyer or publicity materials)

Awards
- $1500 for intra-region meetings (within West Africa or within East Africa)
- $3000 for inter-regional meetings (e.g., West Africa to East Africa, South Africa to West Africa, etc.)
- Award funds are available in these amounts only and can be used for any travel expenses related to the meeting in question: air tickets, ground transportation, visas and insurance, lodging, and any meals that are not provided at the meetings.

Recipients of Travel Grants for Mentoring will be asked to submit a brief narrative report on the meeting attended. No financial report or submission of receipts will be required.

Please email your application form to Ryan Cuthbert at RCuthbert@ACLS.org.

I. Applicant Information

Name:

Country of citizenship:

City and country of residence:

Email Address:

Current position:

Institution of Current Employment (with location):

II. Meeting Information

Title of AHP locally organized meeting to be attended:

Dates:

Location:

Host Institution:

AHP Meeting organizer:

Type of meeting (check one):
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☐ AHP fellowship-application workshop
☐ AHP-style manuscript development workshop
☐ AHP Fellows’ seminar
☐ Other (please describe)

Is this AHP meeting organized as part of a regional or international conference of a disciplinary or academic organization?
☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, what is the name of the larger event?

Your role in the AHP meeting (check one):
☐ Speaker or presenter
☐ One-on-one mentor
☐ Other (please describe)

III. Statement of Motivation

Please provide a description of your interest in acting as a mentor at this locally organized AHP meeting for which funds are being requested. Please describe your role in this meeting and how you will interact with AHP Fellows and/or potential applicants. What impact is this meeting likely to have in building the community of humanities scholars in Africa?

(Please be as detailed as you need to be, but one page will suffice).