

African Humanities Program in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda 2011–2012

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), with financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, announces competitions for:

- Dissertation-completion fellowships in Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda
- Early-career postdoctoral fellowships in Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Africa

Fellowship support is in the form of stipends: \$10,000 for dissertation-completion Fellows and \$17,000 for postdoctoral Fellows, plus an additional \$1,000 per Fellow for books and media. Fellowships are intended to release recipients from teaching and other duties for an academic year so as to permit full-time research and writing. (They may be used to “buy time.”) Recipients of both kinds of fellowship are also eligible for further support in the form of a residency at a participating research center in sub-Saharan Africa for a sustained period of writing away from a Fellow’s home institution. Approximately forty fellowships will be awarded annually in all five countries combined. Awards will be decided by an international committee of distinguished scholars in the humanities.

Eligible Applicants

- Dissertation applicants must be doctoral candidates in the 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 a sub-Saharan African country residing and working in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda.

Eligible Projects

Proposed projects must be in the humanities, defined by the study of history, language, and culture, and by qualitative approaches in research. 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 as well as internationally
- the feasibility of the work plan

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.

Application Deadline: 1 November 2011

Application forms and instructions for the 2011–2012 competition will be available by 1 September 2011 at www.acls.org/programs/ahp or may be requested by email at ahp@acls.org

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