



## American Council of Learned Societies

### African Humanities Program

#### RESIDENCY CENTRES 2020

*[Note: some centres offer two two-month periods per semester (the dates listed below are pending confirmation from centres). Fellows are allowed to request a three-month residency (and to extend it, if conditions permit, at any centre.)]*

**1. The Institute for Advanced Studies of Cultures, Institutions, and Economic Enterprise (IIAS) in Accra, Ghana** 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. IAS is organized around ten core fellows with established careers in history, economics, traditional governance, human rights, gender and policy studies, cultural and literary studies, finance, law, public policy and international relations. IAS moved to its new offices at the University of Ghana campus in September 2011. The offices comprise an administrative office with designated office spaces and a conference room. Our presence at the University of Ghana campus enables close relations with the University of Ghana, although IAS is autonomous. IAS provides housing accommodation (with air-conditioned rooms) 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 have access to the University of Ghana's Balme library, departmental libraries and exclusive access to books shelved at the institute's Africa Library. 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. Each fellow will also work under the guidance of a mentor. The Institute will host a colloquium for AHP fellows to present their work to the University of Ghana academic community. IAS can host fellows from February to May for the first rotation (January to May) and from August to December in the case of the second rotation. See <http://www.interias.org.gh/> for more details of the institute.

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

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 15 January – 31 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 3 August – December 2020

**2. Campus Residency Centre at the University of Ghana** which is the premier university and the largest university in Ghana. It was founded in August 11, 1948, for the purposes of providing and promoting university education, learning and research. The University is organized into four colleges namely, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, College of Education, College of Health Sciences and College of Humanities. The College of Humanities, which is the host college for the African Humanities Program, is made up of six schools: School of Languages, School of Social Sciences, School of Law, School of Arts, School of Performing Arts and the University of Ghana Business School. It is also the home to three research institutes: Institute of African Studies (IAS), Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) and the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS). The University has a main library known as Balme Library. The central location of the Balme library, its facilities and the scope of coverage of the collection makes it a very important and vital part of academic life on campus. The University of Ghana Library Systems (UGLS), provide excellent facilities and products including reference materials, textbooks, journal databases, study carrels and library instruction. Its facilities include, Research Commons (RC), Knowledge Commons (KC), 24 hour reading room, which is very conducive for productive research, printing, binding and photocopy services. The Research Commons section of the Balme Library is open to fellows on a normal working day. Due to several productive research projects conducted in the university, it has been recognized as one of Africa's premier Research University. University of Ghana was ranked the leading university in West Africa by the Times Higher Education Emerging University Ranking in 2018. Its vision is to become a world class research-intensive university over the next decade, with a mission to create an enabling environment that makes the University of Ghana increasingly relevant to national and global development through cutting-edge research as well as high quality teaching and learning.

**Housing accommodation** is provided at MIDA, behind Little Legon - University of Ghana, a four bedroom facility, fully furnished for visiting scholars.

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** January - July, 2020

**Second Rotation:** August - December, 2020

**3. 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.

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 1 February – 31 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 1 August – 20 December 2020

**4. 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 e-Research 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.

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

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 15 January – 31 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 1 August – 18 December 2020

**5. 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. For more information on CAS visit [www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za](http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za)

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

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 1 February – 30 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 1 September – 30 November 2020

**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 recently built a huge 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 at Delina Apartments which are located in the Mwenje, providing access to restaurants and small shops. The Mlimani City Mall is also close by. The apartments are within walking distance (250 metres) of the university. However, the university also provides a taxi service between the Delina Apartments and the university for fellows who prefer not to walk

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 1 March to 30 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 1 October – 30 December 2020

**7. 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 hosts 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. Please see <http://mak.ac.ug> for further information.

**Housing accommodations** Accommodation is arranged or provided for the Fellows in rented private apartments within a manageable distance to the university main campus.

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** N/A

**Second Rotation:** 1 September – 30 November 2020

**8. University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria** is 71-year old and is the first and best public (Times Higher Education 2020 Ranking) university in Nigeria. Located in the hospitable and peaceful city of Ibadan, it has over 16 faculties, about 100 academic departments, centres and research institutes, about 1500 world class academic staff with a third of these in the professorial cadre. The University runs both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, with many of these in the humanities. They transverse several departments including Arabic and Islamic Studies, Archaeology, Anthropology, Classics, Communication and Language Arts, English, European Studies, History, Linguistics and African Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theatre Arts. It also has a well-established Institute of African Studies that has been at the fore of research in African Studies since its inception in 1962. There is also the Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies.

Given its facilities and high-ranking human resources, the University in the last five years has been focusing more on postgraduate studies. It places special emphasis on mentoring postgraduate students and early career researchers in accordance with academic global best practices. To enhance the research output of the University, it established, among other key units, the Research Management Office, the University of Ibadan Research Foundation, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Office of International Programmes (OIP). The OIP is specifically designed to actualise the internationalisation agenda of the UI, with a primary mandate to provide all necessary support for different categories of international students and visiting international scholars. Through the OIP, the University regularly hosts international scholars from all continents who visit to conduct research, engage its staff and students, take advantage of its facilities and participate in diverse collaborative academic work. They are usually provided access to all libraries in the University in addition to internet access and office space (if required). For more information on UI visit [www.ui.edu.ng](http://www.ui.edu.ng).

**Housing accommodation** The University has several options of accommodation facilities for international students. However, the one usually recommended for AHP Fellows is the Adebayo Akande Hall, located at the Ajibode Extension of the campus.

**Dates:**

**First Rotation:** 27 January – 29 May 2020

**Second Rotation:** 3 August – 18 December 2020