IIAS IFE SUMMER INSTITUTE 2024

THEME:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE: INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA.

July 21st – August 2, 2024

The Ife Institute of Advanced Studies invites applications from doctoral and postdoctoral researchers from all parts of the world to attend the eighth summer institute which shall focus on how the creativity and innovation of the academy can promote African advancement. It is designed to inspire the participants to aim at promoting African development through research and to harness the African knowledge systems in charting a pathway to developing a sustainable master plan for Africa's present and its future. IIAS is acutely aware that among the obstacles facing early career scholars are the dearth of support from government and other funding agencies for potentially transformative research and the lack of a coordinated strategic plan from the African academy to advance the course of Africa's development. Although ad hoc activities of some universities and institutions have been helpful, the need to rebalance the continent's research portfolio and coordinate its intellectual output for further advancement yearns for urgent attention. The eighth institute shall inspire and foster an incubating process for postdoctoral and doctoral scholars to envision their research as a conduit for advancing Africa's transformation and development. Distinguished scholars and mentors from different parts of the world will be available to coordinate and guide this two-week academic event.

Eligibility

- **Doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers in the humanities, social sciences, and STEM**
- **It is open to all predocs and post docs of all nationalities.**

Application requirements:

- **One page abstract of current/proposed research (not more than 500 words)**
- **A two- page abridged curriculum vitae**

Deadlines:

- **Application Deadline: March 31st, 2024**
- **Acceptance Letter: May 5th, 2024**
- **Registration Starts: June 1st, 2024**
- **Registration Closes: July 14th, 2024**

Registration link

https://bit.ly/2024-Ife-Summer-Institute

Obafemi Awolowo University,
Ile-Ife, Nigeria. (IN-PERSON)

IIAS RESEARCH GRANTS COMPETITION 2024

GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS

In 2022, IIAS Research Grants started annually, by the sponsors, to IIAS Fellows (graduate or early career researcher) involved in promising ethnographic research in the field of humanities and social sciences. In 2024, a total sum of $2,500 ($500 each) is available to be awarded to five (5) successful recipients with the leading applications in the year's competition. Intellectual merit is the criterion by which proposals will be evaluated. Dissertation research qualifies for funding, as does postdoctoral research. Applicants MUST be current and incoming IIAS Fellows at the time of application and MUST apply for and attend the 2024 Ife Summer Institute

WHAT THE IIAS RESEARCH GRANTS DO AND DO NOT COVER

The IIAS Research Grants cover only direct research expenses, such as:
1. Transportation expenses to conduct research;
2. Data collection;
3. Lodging;
4. Purchase of books or periodicals.

The grant does not cover:
1. Tuition fees for students;
2. Salary or stipends for the researcher;
3. Conference registration fees or travel costs to conferences;
4. Laptop purchase:
5. or any other costs unrelated to the research.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications should include the following elements in a single MS Word or PDF document:

☑ The applications should include an abstract of no more than 100 words.

☑ A proposal statement of not more than 1,200 words which outlines the rationale and plan of research. It should have a descriptive title for the research project (e.g., "Faith, Politics and Corruption in Nigeria"), present a clear research question, review previous research and theory that forms the background for the study, describe the research method(s) that will be used to carry out the research as well as a research timeline, and summarize succinctly what the research aims to discover.

☑ The proposal should also include a statement of the applicant's qualifications to carry out the proposed research [Please keep your proposals free of jargon. While language specific to your research area or theoretical orientation may be necessary, please be sure that your proposal can be easily grasped by someone who does not work in your particular area].

☑ A detailed, one-page budget. It should indicate the items for which the applicant is seeking funding, the amount it will cost (in USD or local currency equivalent) and the exact purposes for which it will be used. Applicants are advised to NOT include items in their proposed budget that IIAS Research Grants does not cover (see above).

☑ A brief curriculum vitae (no more than 2 pages), and a current email address at which she/he can be contacted.

Recipients are expected to:
(1) complete their research before the 2025 Summer Institute;
(2) at the end of the grant period, compose a Final Research Report in which they describe (a) the "Background" of their study, (b) the "Research Methods" employed, (c) the "Preliminary Findings," (d) the "Deliverables" (e.g. anticipated publication), and (e) how the funds were used;
(3) must attend and present the research report during the 2025 IIAS Summer Institute.

- All applications must be in English and submitted electronically as a single MS Word or PDF document to the IIAS email: summerinstituteife.ng@gmail.com with "2024 IIAS Research Grants Application" in the subject line.
- All application packages must be received by April 12, 2024.

Grant winners will be announced at the Summer Institute in July/August 2024

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