

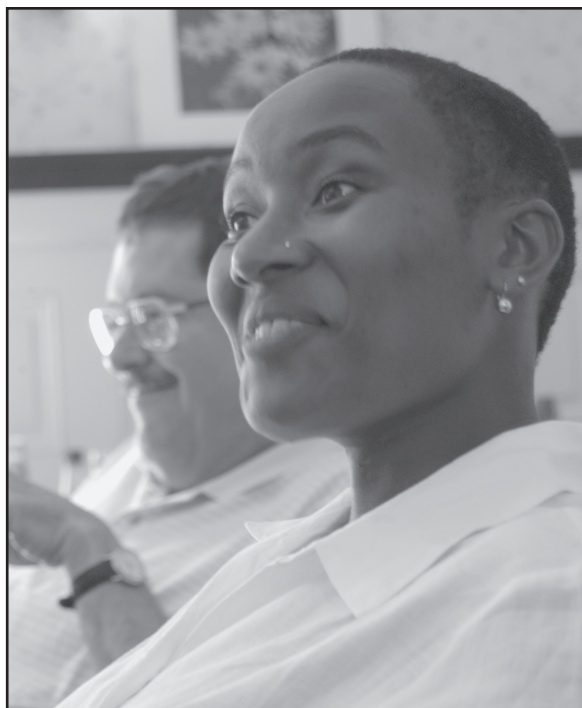
Five College African Scholars Program

Amherst, Massachusetts, USA • Announcing Residency Fellowships

The Five College African Scholars Program invites proposals for competitive residency fellowships from junior and mid-level teaching staff employed full-time in African universities. Projects relevant to the study of Africa are welcomed in the humanities and social sciences. The program cannot fund projects in the natural or physical sciences. Proposals should be based on the applicant's current research, which can be completed and prepared for publication during the residency. Candidates will be chosen according to the eligibility and selection criteria described in this announcement.

For the next three January residencies, applicants are asked to address the announced themes.

Please see the website for a description. Applicants for August residencies may submit projects on any topic in the humanities and social sciences.



Visitors to the Five Colleges have discovered an environment conducive to collaboration and research. About 30 Five College scholars teach an interdisciplinary curriculum in African studies. They have hosted numerous visitors, such as Achebe, Aidoo, Annan, Sembene, Soyinka, and Tutu, and currently edit the journal *African Studies Review*.

Stipend includes \$3,000 per month subject to U.S. taxes, roundtrip airfare, laptop computer, housing, health insurance, access to libraries, and a modest research allowance.

A program of Five Colleges, Incorporated, a consortium serving Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The Five College African Scholars Program is generously supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Smith College and Five Colleges, Incorporated and its member institutions.

Application Deadlines

May 1, 2004 for the terms:

- Mid- January to May 2005
Projects on the topic of Power and Representation
- Mid-August to December 2005
Projects on any topic in Humanities & Social Sciences

Applications welcomed from 9/1/03 to 5/1/04

May 1, 2005 for the terms:

- Mid- January to May 2006
Projects on the topic of Health and Society
- Mid-August to December 2006
Projects on any topic in Humanities & Social Sciences

Applications welcomed from 9/1/04 to 5/1/05

May 1, 2006 for the term:

- Mid- January to May 2007
Projects on the topic of Development and Globalization

Applications welcomed from 9/1/05 to 5/1/06

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Eligibility

1. Citizen of an African nation, who currently resides in Africa and during the past two years has not resided for more than three months in North America or Europe.
2. Employed full-time at an African university offering a Bachelor, Master or Ph.D. degree.
3. Teaching at a junior or mid-level rank (Assistant Lecturer or above), no older than 49 years. Graduate assistants, tutorial assistants and non-teaching researchers are not eligible.
4. Have a current research project in the humanities or social sciences which can be completed and prepared for publication during the residency. The program cannot support projects in the physical or natural sciences.

For more information and an application form, visit our website at: www.fivecolleges.edu/asp

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5. Applications may be submitted in English, French or Portuguese, but scholars must have a functional command of English to take part in the program.
6. Meet U.S. Department of State requirements for J-1 exchange visitors. Regulations state that an individual who has visited the U. S. on a J-1 visa may not return on another J-1 visa until 12 months have elapsed.
7. If awarded a fellowship, incoming residents must provide a signed statement from their university's chief academic officer granting academic leave during the residency and certifying the right to return to their position afterwards.

Selection Criteria

1. Proposals should be thoughtful and well written, demonstrating relevance to the study of Africa in the humanities or social sciences. Proposals for January terms must address the announced theme.
2. Methodology, theoretical perspectives, and research tools should be clear.
3. Proposals should indicate what further research -if any -is intended before the residency begins, as well as the scholar's plans for completing the project by the end of the residency.
4. Applicants should specify how both they and their home universities will benefit from participating in the program.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who have not had similar professional opportunities in the past three years.

Applications

To apply, candidates must send the following by the announced deadlines:

1. An application form, available on the web at www.fivecolleges.edu/asp
2. A curriculum vitae in four pages or less, listing significant diplomas, university-level teaching appointments, publications, and other scholarly productions and presentations.
3. A synopsis of the scholarly writing project in approximately 1000 words. All projects should be relevant to the study of Africa in the humanities or social sciences. For January terms, applications should address the announced themes. Applications for August are not thematically limited. Please discuss the research that led to your project and what you see as its likely outcome (article, book, dissertation).
4. A statement of how your project would be of interest to a seminar of African Studies scholars in the humanities and social sciences, and how you would benefit from taking part in that seminar.
5. A statement about the expected benefits to your home university on your return.

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